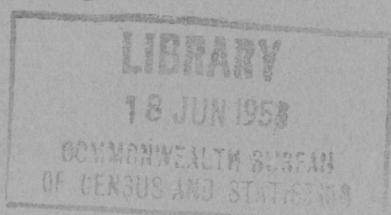


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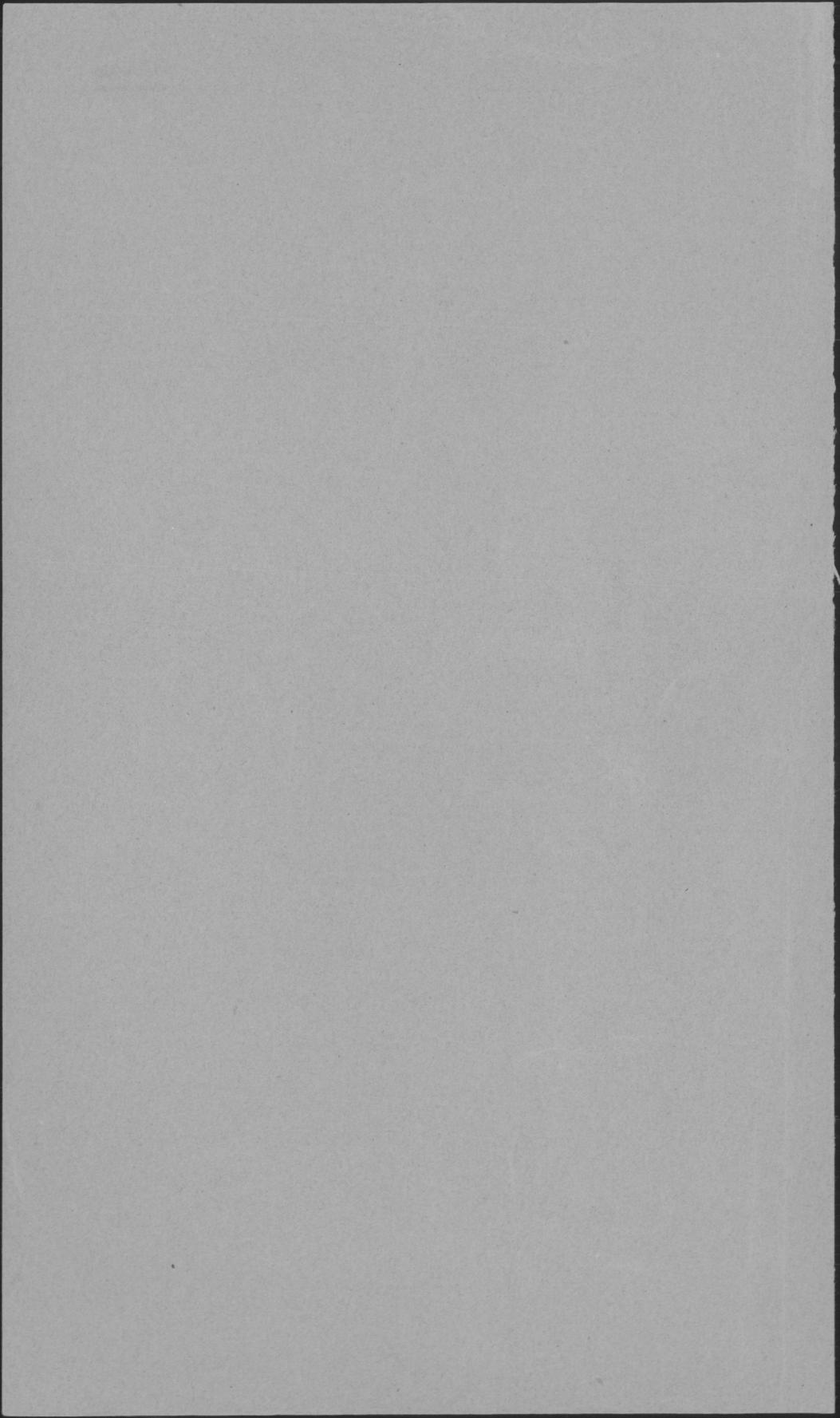
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AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—31st December, 1957.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,837,358	1,823,139	3,660,497	1,975,020
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,360,540	1,340,095	2,700,635	1,677,100
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	718,166	683,261	1,401,427	543,000
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	449,282	436,921	886,203	529,000
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	360,031	340,183	700,214	376,000
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	175,887	164,979	340,866	103,570
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,621	7,894	18,515	9,395
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	20,820	18,294	39,114	(a)35,827
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,932,705	4,814,766	9,747,471	5,248,912

(a) Population Count.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,553	28,045	8,815,362
1954a	3,425,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	(b)32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	(b)34,481	9,427,558
1957	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,805	19,170	(c)37,865	9,643,079
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	(b)31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	(b)33,470	9,313,291
1956	3,588,344	2,632,623	1,378,947	861,912	684,835	332,810	17,853	(b)36,010	9,533,334
1957	3,660,497	2,700,635	1,401,427	886,203	700,214	340,866	18,518	39,114	9,747,471

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows : 30th June, 1955, 32,750 ; 1956, 35,185 ; 31st December, 1954, 31,306 ; 1955, 33,960 ; 1956, 36,828. (c) Estimate based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	(a)31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	(a)33,642	9,315,670
1957	3,588,032	2,640,105	1,380,466	881,373	684,518	326,137	18,340	(a)36,013	9,534,985
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	(a)30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	(a)32,412	9,202,150
1956	3,555,854	2,604,283	1,366,496	848,531	677,317	322,216	17,896	(a)34,698	9,427,291
1957	3,622,557	2,673,654	1,392,384	874,159	691,723	330,200	18,730	(a)37,631	9,641,088

(a) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows : Year ended 30th June, 1955, 31,411 ; 1956, 34,182 ; 1957, 36,749 ; Year ended 31st December, 1954, 30,424 ; 1955, 32,738 ; 1956, 35,352 and 1957, 37,999.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).					
New South Wales	43,183	40,681	41,854	41,650	46,139
Victoria	30,911	32,106	33,809	34,507	36,373
Queensland	19,776	19,832	21,045	20,223	22,084
South Australia	11,194	11,048	10,958	11,371	11,960
Western Australia	10,790	10,564	11,244	11,344	11,627
Tasmania	5,185	5,074	5,600	5,591	5,765
Northern Territory	344	407	396	449	581
Australian Capital Territory	664	739	735	910	966
Australia	122,047	120,451	125,641	126,045	135,405
RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).					
New South Wales	4,578	15,977	21,756	20,771	26,014
Victoria	16,346	31,764	40,335	43,095	31,679
Queensland	5,480	3,544	6,887	8,040	396
South Australia	2,791	9,968	15,434	15,906	12,331
Western Australia	8,258	7,228	10,091	2,741	8,752
Tasmania	2,888	-1,448	690	1,418	2,291
Northern Territory	718	201	471	397	131
Australian Capital Territory	1,833	(a)973	(a)1,591	(a)1,630	(a)2,138
Australia	42,897	68,207	97,255	93,998	78,732
TOTAL INCREASE.					
	(b)	(b)			
New South Wales	41,023	53,304	63,610	62,421	72,153
Victoria	49,316	64,842	74,144	77,602	68,012
Queensland	27,164	24,332	27,932	28,263	22,480
South Australia	17,095	22,575	26,392	27,277	24,291
Western Australia	18,808	17,672	21,335	14,085	15,379
Tasmania	6,907	3,046	6,290	7,009	8,056
Northern Territory	864	505	867	846	662
Australian Capital Territory	1,940	(c)1,430	(c)2,326	(c)2,540	(d)3,104
Australia	163,117	187,709	222,896	220,043	214,137

(a) Revised figures based on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows: 1954, 1,135; 1955, 1,919; 1956, 1,958; 1957, 1,320. (b) Includes natural increase and recorded net interstate and oversea migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

(c) Revised figures based on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows: 1954, 1,592; 1955, 2,654; 1956, 2,868; 1957, 2,286.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Oversea Migration. (b)	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
<u>Year</u>							
1945..	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	- 2,629	c83,173	7,430,197
1946..	70,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	- 15,148	c87,784	7,517,981
1947..	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948..	74,902	177,976	76,830	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949..	72,999	181,261	75,280	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950..	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	c261,911	8,307,481
1951..	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952..	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,662	8,739,569
1953..	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,686
1954..	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	c187,709	9,090,395
1955..	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
1956..	71,780	212,133	86,088	126,045	93,998	220,043	9,533,334
1957..	73,696	220,358	84,953	135,405	78,732	214,137	9,747,471
<u>Quarter ended</u>							
31st December, 1956 ..	19,819	52,819	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
31st March, 1957 ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
30th June, 1957 ..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
30th September, 1957 ..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
31st December, 1957 ..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.

New South Wales	7,530	10,262	9,671	19,933	4,326	3,483	7,809
Victoria ..	5,926	8,047	7,642	15,689	3,195	2,673	5,868
Queensland ..	2,709	4,178	3,989	8,167	1,644	1,164	2,808
South Australia ..	1,682	2,424	2,291	4,715	956	803	1,759
Western Australia	1,251	2,209	2,052	4,261	773	539	1,312
Tasmania ..	633	1,098	1,013	2,111	373	268	641
Northern Territory	42	86	83	169	22	4	26
Australian Capital Territory ..	77	153	156	309	27	14	41
Australia ..	19,850	28,457	26,897	55,354	11,316	8,948	20,264

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.

New South Wales	28,767	40,879	38,577	79,456	18,734	14,583	33,317
Victoria ..	20,239	30,968	29,496	60,464	13,084	11,047	24,131
Queensland ..	10,271	17,329	16,434	33,763	6,913	4,766	11,679
South Australia ..	6,581	10,025	9,511	19,536	4,101	3,475	7,576
Western Australia	4,897	8,738	8,186	16,924	3,126	2,171	5,297
Tasmania ..	2,507	4,365	4,070	8,435	1,514	1,156	2,670
Northern Territory	178	337	309	646	85	30	115
Australian Capital Territory ..	256	596	538	1,134	102	66	168
Australia ..	73,696	113,237	107,121	220,358	47,659	37,294	84,953

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	27,503	27,645	27,313	28,767
Victoria ..	17,113	19,404	20,056	20,137	20,239
Queensland ..	8,853	10,027	10,098	9,934	10,271
South Australia ..	5,489	6,190	6,226	6,277	6,581
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,204	5,145	5,080	4,897
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,512	2,600	2,601	2,507
Northern Territory ..	67	143	151	160	178
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	246	251	278	256
Australia ..	62,411	71,229	72,172	71,780	73,696

DISSOLUTIONS AND NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE.—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1954, 6,517; 1955, 6,769; 1956, New South Wales, 3,143; Victoria, 1,268; Queensland, 708; South Australia, 572; Western Australia, 548; Tasmania, 197; Northern Territory, 25; Australian Capital Territory, 20; Australia, 6,481.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.02	7.92	7.68	7.94
Victoria ..	9.17	7.91	7.94	7.73	7.57
Queensland ..	8.84	7.64	7.54	7.27	7.38
South Australia ..	9.25	7.77	7.59	7.40	7.53
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.13	7.81	7.50	7.08
Tasmania ..	8.81	8.07	8.22	8.07	7.59
Northern Territory ..	11.54	8.82	8.86	8.94	9.50
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	(a) 8.10	(a) 7.74	(a) 8.01	(a) 6.80
Australia ..	9.04	7.92	7.84	7.61	7.64
BIRTHS—NUMBER.					
New South Wales ..	47,319	73,125	74,407	75,714	79,456
Victoria ..	30,344	54,660	56,336	58,393	60,464
Queensland ..	18,992	31,176	32,352	32,409	33,763
South Australia ..	9,410	18,227	18,494	18,964	19,536
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,928	16,623	16,916	16,924
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,770	8,089	8,104	8,435
Northern Territory ..	102	513	515	556	646
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	857	861	1,077	1,134
Australia ..	120,415	202,256	207,677	212,133	220,358
BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
New South Wales ..	17.38	21.33	21.31	21.29	21.93
Victoria ..	16.27	22.28	22.30	22.42	22.61
Queensland ..	18.95	23.74	24.16	23.72	24.25
South Australia ..	15.86	22.89	22.55	22.35	22.35
Western Australia ..	19.71	24.88	25.23	24.98	24.47
Tasmania ..	20.76	24.97	25.59	25.15	25.55
Northern Territory ..	17.57	31.64	30.22	31.07	34.49
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.34	(b) 28.21	(b) 26.56	(b) 31.04	(b) 30.13
Australia ..	17.45	22.50	22.57	22.50	22.86
DEATHS—NUMBER.					
New South Wales ..	26,105	32,444	32,553	34,064	33,317
Victoria ..	18,955	22,554	22,527	23,886	24,131
Queensland ..	9,201	11,344	11,307	12,186	11,679
South Australia ..	5,539	7,179	7,536	7,593	7,576
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,364	5,379	5,572	5,297
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,696	2,489	2,513	2,670
Northern Territory ..	69	106	119	107	115
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	118	126	167	168
Australia ..	66,451	81,805	82,036	86,088	84,953

(a) Rates based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1954, 8.09; 1955, 7.67; 1956, 7.86; 1957, 6.74. (b) Rates based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1954, 28.17; 1955, 26.30; 1956, 30.47; 1957, 29.84.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
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DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.50	9.46	9.32	9.58	9.20
Victoria	10.16	9.19	8.92	9.17	9.03
Queensland	9.18	8.64	8.44	8.92	8.39
South Australia	9.34	9.01	9.19	8.95	8.67
Western Australia	9.13	8.38	8.17	8.23	7.66
Tasmania	9.68	8.67	7.87	7.80	8.09
Northern Territory	11.89	6.54	6.98	5.98	6.14
Australian Capital Territory	5.20	(a) 3.88	(a) 3.89	(a) 4.81	(a) 4.46
Australia	9.63	9.10	8.91	9.13	8.81

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,850	1,850	1,777	1,804
Victoria	1,038	1,055	1,035	1,128	1,219
Queensland	784	695	656	737	730
South Australia	287	388	431	377	403
Western Australia	309	359	373	384	357
Tasmania	195	186	189	171	170
Northern Territory	6	9	26	24	22
Australian Capital Territory	8	4	12	11	10
Australia	4,607	4,546	4,572	4,609	4,715

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	25.30	24.86	23.47	22.70
Victoria	34.21	19.30	18.37	19.32	20.16
Queensland	41.28	22.29	20.28	22.74	21.62
South Australia	30.50	21.29	23.30	19.88	20.63
Western Australia	33.80	22.54	22.44	22.70	21.09
Tasmania	39.74	23.94	23.37	21.10	20.15
Northern Territory	58.82	17.54	50.49	43.17	34.06
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	4.67	13.94	10.21	8.82
Australia	38.26	22.48	22.01	21.73	21.40

(a) Rates based on the revised estimates of mean population for the Australian Capital Territory consequent on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1954, 3.88; 1955, 3.85; 1956, 4.72; 1957, 4.42.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1951-55	581,300	446,566	1,027,866	340,819	273,223	614,042	413,824
1958	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	100,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,483	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,225
1956	141,408	106,040	247,448	87,013	66,437	153,450	98,998
1957	123,487	109,841	233,328	87,081	67,515	154,596	78,732

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Long Term and Permanent Movement(a) classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Quarter ended December, 1957.	Arrivals.(b)		Departures.(c)	
		Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1957.	Year ended December—
		1956.	1957.		
British(d)	..	12,486	50,969	52,533	8,173 29,942 31,780
American (U.S.)	..	294	1,266	1,341	255 964 1,054
Austrian	..	337	3,404	1,856	111 100 291
Belgian	..	10	53	50	6 10 14
Chinese	..	134	498	737	86 153 226
Czechoslovak	..	5	60	40	13 94 69
Danish	..	214	1,309	1,282	32 44 89
Dutch	..	2,179	11,883	7,920	539 1,663 1,755
Estonian	..	1	9	8	1 14 12
French	..	110	513	431	68 257 286
German	..	1,612	6,044	5,484	391 900 1,283
Greek	..	1,783	11,984	7,248	128 243 476
Hungarian	..	1,197	508	11,364	19 31 54
Israeli	..	100	888	497	6 16 34
Italian	..	3,645	27,705	17,173	520 2,272 2,578
Japanese	..	41	214	193	27 36 77
Latvian	37	13	9 44 30
Lebanese	..	133	1,095	452	5 31 39
Lithuanian	..	1	12	9	1 59 16
Norwegian	..	83	126	187	10 32 46
Polish(e)	..	201	182	506	22 105 74
Russian(f)	..	680	396	1,397	3 94 52
Swedish..	..	54	89	171	14 23 40
Swiss	..	110	350	318	20 88 122
Ukrainian	..	5	33	20	16 40 30
Yugoslav	..	247	1,116	1,305	12 64 61
Stateless	..	1,325	1,882	5,261	73 135 179
Other	..	249	1,197	899	74 263 306
Total	..	27,236	123,822	118,695	10,634 37,717 41,073

(a) Persons arriving who state they intend to reside in Australia for one year or more and persons departing who state they intend to reside abroad for one year or more. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning from absences of less than one year and Australian troops irrespective of their length of stay abroad. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of less than one year in Australia and Australian troops. (d) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (e) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (f) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Long Term and Permanent Movement(a) Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Quarter ended December, 1957.	Arrivals.(b)		Departures.(c)	
		Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1957.	Year ended December—
		1956.	1957.		
European	..	26,733	120,456	115,630	10,226 36,925 39,950
Asian	..	470	3,206	2,882	380 748 1,055
African	..	21	48	29	3 4 4
Polynesian	..	12	112	154	25 40 64
Total	..	27,236	123,822	118,695	10,634 37,717 41,073

(a) See note (a) above.

(b) See note (b) above.

(c) See note (c) above.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Long Term and Permanent Movement(a) classified according to Country of Last Residence or Intended Future Residence.

Country of Last Residence(d) (Arrivals) or Intended Future Residence(d) (Departures).	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	Quarter ended December, 1957.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1957.	Year ended December—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	8,555	36,594	38,092	3,643	14,532	12,947
Canada	568	958	1,404	415	1,375	2,371
Cyprus	88	743	265	14	46	48
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	309	870	979	135	396	553
Malta	352	3,002	1,288	149	507	980
New Guinea	196	652	913	494	2,015	1,977
New Zealand	548	2,881	2,519	1,343	3,811	5,013
Papua	170	522	645	334	1,321	1,439
Union of South Africa ..	72	288	285	71	274	315
Other	1,145	3,239	4,437	908	2,880	2,984
Total, Commonwealth Countries	12,003	49,749	50,827	7,506	27,157	28,627
Austria	1,062	4,164	4,647	87	82	238
Denmark	223	1,297	1,298	28	40	76
France	127	416	1,039	69	345	297
Germany	1,704	6,324	5,795	335	728	1,125
Greece	1,521	10,889	6,464	77	254	361
Hungary	590	500	9,983	6	1	11
Italy	3,786	27,963	18,181	915	3,532	4,014
Netherlands	2,173	11,753	7,893	417	1,375	1,340
Poland	202	92	442	5	37	29
Yugoslavia	971	1,143	2,316	6	51	34
Other European	430	1,239	1,298	100	495	635
China	768	394	1,584	15	35	70
Indonesia	59	400	272	45	174	225
Egypt	593	2,155	2,164	8	82	37
United States of America	479	1,768	2,054	713	2,461	2,753
Polynesian Islands ..	28	168	147	75	243	308
Other	517	3,408	2,291	227	625	893
Total, Foreign Countries	15,233	74,073	67,868	3,128	10,560	12,446
GRAND TOTAL ..	27,236	123,822	118,695	10,634	37,717	41,073

(a) See note (a) on page 8.
(d) For a year or more.

(b) See note (b) on page 8.

(c) See note (c) on page 8.

Oversea Arrivals and Departures—Short Term Movement(a) classified according to the Country of Last Residence or Intended Future Residence.

Country of Last Residence(d) (Arrivals) or Intended Future Residence(d) (Departures).	Arrivals.(b)			Departures.(c)		
	Quarter ended 1957.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1957.	Year ended December—	
		1956.	1957.		1956.	1957.
Australia	17,273	57,608	56,017	12,504	51,400	53,438
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	2,599	9,939	9,590	2,911	10,091	9,525
Canada	366	1,115	1,032	217	1,175	1,109
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	422	1,747	1,306	284	1,336	1,152
New Guinea	1,176	3,553	3,597	983	3,008	3,271
New Zealand	5,360	22,305	19,207	5,320	22,480	21,984
Papua	1,228	3,322	3,604	763	2,533	2,916
Union of South Africa ..	291	886	737	215	875	649
Other	1,680	6,042	6,406	1,813	6,052	6,236
Total, Commonwealth Countries excluding Australia	13,122	48,909	45,479	12,506	47,550	46,842
Denmark	20	141	60	21	131	87
France	100	803	436	92	924	479
Germany	113	685	398	139	680	431
Greece	16	105	103	12	84	101
Hungary	3	181	49	2	133	28
Italy	78	466	251	84	559	392
Netherlands	274	646	726	164	762	636
Yugoslavia	27	96	63	3	65	11
Other European	193	2,012	691	170	1,923	710
China	16	267	111	13	113	162
Indonesia	198	823	670	115	575	512
Egypt	5	63	34	5	39	9
United States of America	1,720	6,246	5,844	1,543	6,527	6,084
Polynesian Islands ..	318	1,455	1,299	269	1,390	1,390
Other	648	3,120	2,402	642	2,878	2,211
Total, Foreign Countries	3,729	17,109	13,137	3,274	16,783	13,243
GRAND TOTAL ..	34,124	123,626	114,633	28,284	115,733	113,523

(a) Persons arriving who state they intend to reside in Australia for less than a year and persons departing who state they intend to reside abroad for less than a year. (b) Excludes Australian residents returning after absences of one year or more. (c) Excludes visitors departing after a stay of one year or more in Australia. (d) For a year or more.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.
('000 Acres.)

1938-39 ..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1952-53 ..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54 ..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55 ..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955-56 ..	2,937	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	10,166
1956-57 (a)	1,742	1,565	360	1,438	2,765	4	..	7,874

PRODUCTION.
('000 Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1952-53 ..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54 ..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,980
1954-55 ..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955-56 ..	57,149	41,083	14,922	28,892	53,250	129	19	195,444
1956-57 (a)	28,490	35,282	7,061	31,432	32,100	89	1	134,455

YIELD PER ACRE.
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1952-53 ..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54 ..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.3	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55 ..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955-56 ..	19.5	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.2
1956-57 (a)	16.4	22.5	19.6	21.9	11.6	22.7	11.1	17.1

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
('000 Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3,100	12	1	11,233
1955-56 ..	3,064	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,532
1956-57 (a) ..	1,810	1,585	408	1,481	2,832	7	..	8,123

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar (94 N.T.)	

AREA.
('000 Acres.)

1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,877	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,577	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695
1955-56 ..	3,354	1,894	167	94	2,241	373	..	22,454
1956-57 (a) ..	2,556	2,093	182	101	1,861	370	..	19,402

PRODUCTION.

	'000 bush.	'000 bush.	'000 bush.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,834	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..
1955-56 ..	56,487	41,655	4,755	402	3,625	8,901	1,172	..
1956-57 (a) ..	35,396	49,279	5,495	519	3,043	9,272	1,208	..

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK.
(*'000.*)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.	
HORSES.										
1939	..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1953	..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954	..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955	..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
1956	..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	1	770
1957(b)	..	235	108	255	41	45	14	(c) 38	1	737

CATTLE—BEEF.

1953	..	2,357	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,453
1954	..	2,268	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,723
1955	..	2,196	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,904
1956	..	2,341	954	5,946	302	673	148	1,028	6	11,398
1957(b)	..	2,577	1,044	6,087	356	733	158	(c) 1,176	8	12,139

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1953	..	1,292	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,794
1954	..	1,236	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,878
1955	..	1,265	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,982
1956	..	1,338	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	5,059
1957(b)	..	1,334	1,721	1,375	265	224	196	..	3	5,118

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939	..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1953	..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954	..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955	..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,886
1956	..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	1,028	9	16,457
1957(b)	..	3,911	2,765	7,462	621	957	354	(c) 1,176	11	17,257

SHEEP.

1939	..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1953	..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954	..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,888	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,044
1955	..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
1956	..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	33	258	139,124
1957(b)	..	67,670	25,531	23,190	14,984	14,887	2,943	(c) 30	267	149,802

PIGS.

1939	..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1953	..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954	..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955	..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297
1956	..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166
1957(b)	..	387	258	395	92	140	52	(c) 1	..	1,325

(a) December, previous year.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) As at end of June.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE).

(*'000 lb.*)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.	
1938-39	..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1952-53	..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953-54	..	544,984	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55	..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,662	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,652
1955-56(c)	..	593,712	273,358	186,406	173,697	156,454	23,418	333	2,329	1,409,764
1956-57(c)	..	660,843	(d)	(d)	185,808	156,193	28,663	346	2,457	1,564,700

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
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WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES.

('000 gal.)

1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,836	72,521	45,562	34,820	350	1,189,863
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55 ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955-56 ..	337,222	577,475	282,296	90,342	55,668	61,405	884	1,405,292
1956-57(b) ..	307,002	590,714	254,492	87,894	57,036	63,888	957	1,362,588
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1956(b) ..	153,610	375,850	125,705	57,370	38,765	36,508	546	788,354
Dec., 1957(b) ..	139,762	359,856	90,415	50,701	37,153	39,509	464	717,860

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	187,480
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55 ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56 ..	42,568	91,354	48,541	8,724	7,506	10,214	4	208,911
1956-57(b) ..	35,059	89,306	41,341	8,460	7,572	10,637	5	192,380
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1956(b) ..	17,451	58,866	20,180	5,808	5,760	6,213	2	114,280
Dec., 1957(b) ..	14,513	57,123	13,420	4,720	5,451	6,843	2	102,072

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).

(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55 ..	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,198
1955-56 ..	3,379	14,010	7,579	12,633	766	333	..	38,700
1956-57(b) ..	4,019	20,216	7,152	11,943	1,155	334	..	44,819
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1956(b) ..	2,035	13,287	4,027	9,140	857	180	..	29,526
Dec., 1957(b) ..	1,977	9,374	2,591	8,107	792	179	..	23,020

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.(a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened.)	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
1938-39 ..	Tons. 15,519	Tons. (e) 1,659	Tons. 10,712	Tons. (f) 1,259	'000 gals. 33,367	Tons. (g) (h)	Tons. 556
1952-53 ..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,655	16,103	4,078
1953-54 ..	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,995	19,804	5,358
1954-55 ..	38,493	10,071	15,539	10,920	64,365	24,618	5,086
1955-56 ..	44,360	13,856	17,211	12,861	74,604	30,892	4,990
1956-57(b) ..	48,575	20,469	17,637	13,628	81,742	30,795	5,621
Six months ended—							
Dec., 1956(b) ..	31,807	10,003	10,275	7,240	49,151	20,494	3,361
Dec., 1957(b) ..	31,083	11,682	10,455	7,860	48,389	17,431	3,315

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1952-53	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955-56	222,315	139,114	291,532	37,512	38,170	15,416	5,203	1,795	751,057
1956-57(a)	232,099	155,275	313,374	40,114	38,387	17,793	5,402	1,795	804,219
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)	111,148	74,541	157,499	19,934	19,640	8,665	2,682	894	395,003
Dec., 1957(a)	111,165	82,153	136,432	20,194	18,936	9,797	2,654	949	382,280
MUTTON.									
1938-39	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1952-53	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955-56	70,841	85,515	21,215	27,303	23,338	5,177	59	980	234,428
1956-57(a)	68,876	72,249	20,388	26,449	23,164	5,717	49	980	217,872
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)	33,220	30,176	10,285	13,548	12,457	2,976	23	488	103,173
Dec., 1957(a)	36,321	49,809	9,759	16,562	11,026	2,797	39	432	126,745
LAMB.									
1938-39	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1952-53	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55	49,015	62,239	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,634
1955-56	49,774	60,713	1,805	17,036	9,421	6,601	..	353	145,703
1956-57(a)	50,708	53,142	2,261	16,053	9,560	6,597	..	353	138,674
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)	24,343	29,487	1,041	11,843	6,309	3,127	..	174	75,824
Dec., 1957(a)	23,732	36,805	1,124	12,590	6,954	3,621	..	165	84,991
PORK.									
1938-39	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1952-53	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,233	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955-56	14,952	10,709	8,016	3,247	3,529	2,215	67	204	42,939
1956-57(a)	14,941	10,742	7,022	2,603	3,273	2,163	59	204	41,007
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)	7,717	5,304	3,459	1,391	1,670	997	35	102	20,675
Dec., 1957(a)	8,751	6,369	3,660	1,796	2,209	1,070	33	98	23,986
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938-39	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1952-53(b)	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54(b)	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(b)	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,216	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955-56(b)	11,463	7,929	10,224	3,587	3,231	1,040	..	..	37,474
1956-57(a)(b)	10,244	7,588	9,965	3,426	3,070	922	..	..	35,165
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)(b)	5,672	4,364	5,196	1,832	1,724	533	..	..	19,321
Dec., 1957(a)(b)	6,118	4,215	5,180	1,816	1,594	478	..	..	19,401
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938-39	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1952-53	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55	370,992	320,388	313,745	92,399	74,373	29,000	3,517	3,067	1,207,481
1955-56	373,473	306,834	336,473	89,975	78,851	30,829	5,329	3,332	1,225,096
1956-57(a)	380,557	301,657	356,598	89,879	78,538	33,523	5,510	3,332	1,249,594
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956(a)	184,143	145,443	179,352	48,708	42,421	16,490	2,740	1,658	620,955
Dec., 1957(a)	188,290	180,869	158,020	53,612	41,293	17,936	2,726	1,644	644,390

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT(a).

(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1955.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	283	640	295	1	13,449	..	866	15,534
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining ..	31,950	..	(b)	(c)	(b)	2,669	..	49,143
Copper-Gold Mining ..	23	..	(b)	(c)	(b)	(b)	611	6,559
Tin Mining ..	216	..	575	..	90	1,128	3	2,012
Mineral Sands Mining ..	2,120	..	1,295	..	1,116	..	..	3,415
Other Metal Mining ..	78	20	(b)	3,702	1,116	(b)	146	7,867
Total Metal Mining ..	34,670	660	19,303	3,703	14,725	9,843	1,626	84,530
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,715	815	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	53,737
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	4,382	..	..	..	..	..	4,382
Total Fuel Mining ..	41,715	5,197	6,729	778	3,089	611	..	58,119
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining(d) ..	2,317	1,128	493	2,128	1,050	194	65	7,375
Construction Material Quarrying (d) ..	5,542	3,932	367	3,903	882	96	..	(e)14,847
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	84,244	10,917	26,892	10,512	19,746	10,744	1,691	e 164,871
1954(d) ..	..	..	78,202	10,080	21,602	8,580	20,736	8,955
1953(d) ..	..	..	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037
1952(d) ..	..	..	77,097	8,535	17,429	6,047	17,704	8,750
1951(d) ..	..	..	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552
1950(d) ..	..	..	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049
							(f)	114,712
							(f)	85,719

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Not available for publication. Included with Other Metal Mining. (d) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (e) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (f) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten.(a)	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons.	'000 f.oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons.	tons.	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1957.

Australia—	YEARS.								
	1956 ..	1955 ..	1954 ..	1953 ..	1952 ..	1956 ..	1955 ..	1954 ..	1953 ..
New South Wales	1,183	7	..	75	51	..	70	4,304	..
Victoria ..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	25	2,865
Queensland ..	7,757	17	..	12	215	..	5	745	..
South Australia ..	..	..	514	..	..	..	..	194	..
Western Australia ..	126	223	46	..	30	..	..	233	..
Tasmania ..	2,722	5	..	3	172	387	8	81	..
Nor. Territory ..	1,630	17	..	..	1	11	..	..	..
Sept. Qtr. 1957	13,418	281	560	90	469	398	83	5,582	2,865
Sept. Qtr. 1956	13,336	269	640	82	486	495	74	5,484	2,881

(a) In terms of WO_3 (tungstic trioxide).

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, etc., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
1938-39	..	26,941	565,106	£'000. 106,743	£'000. 15,700	£'000. 281,303	£'000. 208,417	£'000. 500,420
1951-52	..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706
1952-53	..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004
1953-54	..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476
1954-55	..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589
1955-56	..	52,406	1,060,498	853,469	139,127	2,125,819	1,498,704	3,763,710

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, etc., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories ..	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed (a)	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, wages paid (b) £'000	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. , , , materials used ..	120,502	82,971	42,396	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. , , , production (c) ..	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	208,417
7. , , , output ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,738	11,158	500,420
8. , , , land & buildings ..	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. , , , plant & mchnry ..	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662

1954-55.

1. Factories ..	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed (a)	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries, wages paid (b) £'000	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,640
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. , , , materials used ..	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. , , , production (c) ..	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. , , , output ..	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. , , , land & buildings ..	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,906
9. , , , plant & mchnry ..	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292

1955-56.

1. Factories ..	21,602	16,053	5,378	3,908	3,871	1,594	52,406
2. Persons employed (a)	433,081	355,185	102,473	92,589	50,108	27,062	1,060,498
3. Salaries, wages paid (b) £'000	359,023	286,944	72,460	76,237	37,207	21,598	853,489
4. Value of fuel, etc., used ..	66,569	34,598	11,980	12,830	9,053	4,097	139,127
5. , , , materials used ..	886,082	674,846	231,584	183,196	96,360	53,751	2,125,819
6. , , , production (c) ..	642,136	491,948	128,080	120,936	69,733	45,931	1,498,764
7. , , , output ..	1,594,787	1,201,392	371,644	316,962	175,146	103,779	3,763,710
8. , , , land & buildings ..	260,268	214,921	52,802	48,353	32,850	46,579	655,582
9. , , , plant & mchnry ..	298,913	258,295	85,777	63,596	56,534	40,425	803,540

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.

(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	26,567	31,504	34,543
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	5,572	26,229	30,306	31,908
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	82,317	98,126	119,163
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	468,298	532,969	595,362
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	931	6,406	6,857	7,479
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	78,558	78,394	81,450
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	16,613	16,917	16,083
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	93,563	98,417	102,468
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	177,881	186,539	197,793
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, etc., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	65,731	74,237	78,493
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, etc.	4,200	21,367	23,657	24,896
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, etc.	14,559	79,312	90,540	99,050
XIII. Rubber	2,761	21,102	22,725	25,894
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	1,845	2,065	2,616
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	23,037	25,585	28,170
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	88,219	46,671	52,491
Total	203,417	1,227,045	1,365,509	1,498,704

(a) See note (c) to previous table.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females ..	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females ..	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females ..	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954-55—Males ..	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females ..	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56
1955-56—Males ..	967.45	955.00	802.89	925.47	839.62	904.78	933.92
Females ..	540.06	547.43	445.22	496.84	449.61	500.06	530.23

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1955-56.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	327,106	258,006	85,123	76,144	43,340	22,128	811,847
Females ..	105,975	97,179	17,350	16,445	6,768	4,934	248,651
Masculinity(b) ..	309	265	491	463	640	448	327

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57. (a)	Six months ended—December—		
							1956. (a)	1957. (a)	
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	209	222	227	(b)	226	118	122
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	150.5	150.8	153.6	161.8	81.7	85.6	
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,202	1,532	1,657	1,651	798	973	
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,987	20,476	19,881	19,816	21,234	11,507	11,730	
Bricks, Clay	Million.	721	802	839	840	808	406	450	
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	26.1	28.1	26.7	24.4	12.2	12.8	
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,700	1,920	2,035	2,236	1,116	1,165	
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.8	35.0	31.1	30.3	32.8	16.2	17.1	
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	19,424	19,352	19,033	19,700	10,493	10,574	
Brown	" "	3,663	8,781	9,668	10,383	10,772	5,448	5,407	
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	62.6	57.0	62.4	68.8	32.3	30.9	
Other	" "	58.1	76.9	81.5	83.1	88.2	47.4	48.3	
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	20.9	30.4	24.5	34.5	18.2	15.8	
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	13,707	15,172	16,670	18,374	9,224	10,011	
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	972.9	1,183.1	1,116.8	986.0	489.4	574.1	
Engines, Internal Combustion—									
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	1,357	1,380	1,246	1,572	732	1,255	
Other(f)	" "	2,889	27,467	48,275	103,342	183,134	99,329	103,612	
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	17,784	18,125	15,684	7,992	8,529		
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,373	1,609	1,553	1,571	1,658	864	776	
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	338.6	319.2	304.3	297.6	33.0	24.6	
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	42,100	43,465	44,578	46,535	24,318	25,410	
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	1,111	1,080	1,082	1,062	534	556	
Hosiery—Men's and Boy's	'000 doz pr.	1,102	1,895	1,664	1,560	5,195	2,763	2,523	
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,747	3,863	3,549	3,367				
Children's	" "								
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	13,678	14,796	16,018	15,747	7,887	8,366	
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,827	1,869	1,911	2,097	1,049	1,159	
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	2,117	2,209	2,320	2,854	1,387	1,559	
Jam	" "	37.9	38.3	36.5	37.5	40.7	14.4	15.6	
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,307	1,476	1,499	1,455	700	786	
Lead(i)	'000 tons	233	236	235	221	240	127	127	
Malt, Barley and Wheaten	'000 bush.	3,733	7,253	7,663	7,928	8,006	3,970	4,313	
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	21,866	21,972	26,552	36,653	18,499	19,005	
Other	" "	31,221	49,939	49,171	43,443	44,719	22,644	23,632	
Meat, Canned(j)	'000 tons	14.4	71.9	73.8	70.5	68.0	30.7	44.5	
Newsprint	" "		60.4	73.6	79.0	79.6	38.9	39.7	
Paints, Ready Mixed and Enamels	'000 gal.	2,690	7,879	9,739	10,679	10,825	5,569	5,870	
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	274.5	280.6	247.4	192.9	118.8	108.2	
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	8,360	7,627	8,136	8,727	4,227	3,550	
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	8,632	7,324	7,977	7,852	3,794	4,159	
Soap	'000 cwt.	909	1,225	1,263	1,270	1,219	507	554	
Stoves, Cooking(k) Electric (l)	Thousand		37.2	47.1	47.8	51.5	28.8	29.0	
Gas	"	46.7	43.0	58.8	57.1	54.5	31.8	32.0	
Solid Fuel	"	54.5	50.4	49.8	47.3	44.8	23.4	25.7	
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	449	482	483	479	247	259	
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	70.8	78.4	75.3	109.1	56.4	63.3	
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	732	835	896	877	384	472	
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,771	1,961	2,126	1,975	802	1,031	
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million	39.7	63.8	63.9	64.7	58.0	30.0	30.6	
Cement	"	4.5	44.7	53.7	53.8	46.6	22.7	25.3	
Timber, Sawn Native(n)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,400	1,449	1,450	1,430	764	718	
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	23.3	41.8	44.5	46.1	49.0	24.2	25.3	
Vegetables, Preserved(o)	" "	10.3	40.3	51.1	77.8	97.2	38.6	38.7	
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	137	136	145	164	78	81	
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	32.8	30.9	35.6	42.2	21.1	20.6	
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	45.9	42.6	43.2	48.3	23.8	24.3	
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	99.2	100.5	103.9	106.5	54.6	58.4	

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes waste beer.

(c) Includes wool in admixture with other fibres.

(d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper.

(e) Other than Diesel type.

(f) Excludes Diesel type.

(g) Includes all types of preserved apples.

(h) Made in gas-works only.

(i) Includes lead content of lead bullion.

(j) Excludes canned rabbit.

(k) Domestic.

(l) Excludes stovettes, cookers, etc.

(m) Figures prior to 1948-49.

(n) Includes sawn sleepers.

(o) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a)—AUSTRALIA.(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)	1954-55. (e)	1955-56. (c)
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TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.

(£'000.)

Agriculture ..	41,679	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460	243,919	279,399
Pastoral(f) ..	63,820	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716	461,464	444,798
Dairying ..	33,782	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956	135,798	155,248
Poultry ..	7,302	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782	29,787	30,185
Bee-farming(g) ..	123	831	774	1,066	1,426	1,398	1,751
Total Rural ..	146,706	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340	872,366	911,376
Trapping(g) ..	1,422	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074	4,961	6,047
Forestry(g) ..	7,811	28,428	37,905	40,064	41,720	44,047	50,059
Fishing and Whaling(g)	1,654	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741	8,727	8,884
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875	118,087	132,508
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410	175,822	197,498
Total All Primary ..	184,968	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,188	1,108,874
Factories ..	203,417	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509	1,500,714
Total All Industries	388,385	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,413,697	2,609,588

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 16 8	29 19 10
Pastoral(f) ..	9 4 7	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4	47 14 11
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 18 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 18 9	16 13 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6	3 4 10
Bee-farming(g) ..	0 0 4	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1	0 3 9
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0	95 19 4	97 16 8
Trapping(g) ..	0 4 1	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11	0 13 0
Forestry(g) ..	1 2 7	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 16 11	5 7 5
Fishing and Whaling(g)	0 4 10	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 2	0 19 1
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 19 10	14 4 6
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 6 10	21 4 0
Total All Primary ..	26 14 11	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 6 2	119 0 8
Factories ..	29 8 4	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5	150 4 4	161 1 11
Total All Industries	56 3 3	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 10 6	280 2 7

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, etc.
 Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (d) Includes
 Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (e) Includes
 Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (f) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45
 War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (g) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION, (a) 1955-56.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture ..	63,647	66,465	55,361	41,215	37,350	15,170	279,399
Pastoral(c) ..	163,287	104,820	84,381	44,625	36,578	7,282	444,798
Dairying ..	49,469	54,301	27,423	13,274	3,867	6,719	155,243
Poultry ..	12,760	12,618	1,104	1,800	816	934	30,185
Bee-farming(d) ..	771	410	103	246	202	18	1,751
Total Rural ..	289,934	238,614	168,322	101,160	78,813	30,123	911,376
Trapping(d) ..	1,822	3,197	152	485	156	215	6,047
Forestry(d) ..	15,343	11,823	8,660	4,596	4,877	4,591	50,059
Fishing and Whaling(d) ..	2,684	734	1,471	995	2,406	505	8,884
Mining and Quarrying ..	60,262	8,867	21,732	8,452	14,143	8,612	132,508
Total Non-rural ..	80,111	24,621	32,015	14,528	21,582	13,923	197,498
Total All Primary ..	379,045	263,285	200,337	115,688	100,305	44,046	1,108,874
Factories ..	644,086	491,948	128,080	120,936	69,733	45,931	1,500,714
Total All Industries..	1,023,131	755,183	328,417	236,624	170,128	89,977	2,609,588

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	18	1	2	25	18	3	40	18	7	49	7	10	55	16	6	47	10	6	29	19	10
Pastoral(c) ..	46	6	7	40	17	4	62	6	11	53	9	6	54	13	6	22	16	3	47	14	11
Dairying ..	14	0	9	21	3	5	20	5	6	15	18	1	5	15	7	21	1	0	16	13	4
Poultry ..	3	12	5	4	18	6	0	16	4	2	3	2	1	4	5	2	18	6	3	4	10
Bee-farming(d) ..	0	4	5	0	3	2	0	1	6	0	5	11	0	6	0	0	1	2	0	3	9
Total Rural ..	82	5	4	93	0	8	124	8	10	121	4	6	117	16	0	94	7	5	97	16	8
Trapping(d) ..	0	10	4	1	4	11	0	2	3	0	11	8	0	4	8	0	13	6	0	13	0
Forestry(d) ..	4	7	1	4	12	2	6	8	0	5	10	2	7	5	10	14	7	8	5	7	5
Fishing and Whaling(d) ..	0	15	3	0	5	9	1	1	9	1	3	10	3	11	11	1	11	8	0	19	1
Mining and Quarrying ..	19	13	0	3	9	2	16	1	4	10	2	7	21	2	9	26	19	7	14	4	6
Total Non-Rural ..	25	5	8	9	12	0	23	13	4	17	8	3	32	5	2	43	12	5	21	4	0
Total All Primary ..	107	11	0	102	12	8	148	2	2	138	12	9	150	1	2	137	19	10	119	0	8
Factories ..	182	15	0	191	16	1	94	13	10	144	18	6	104	4	7	143	17	11	161	1	11
Total All Industries..	290	6	0	294	8	9	242	16	0	283	11	3	254	5	9	281	17	9	280	2	7

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, etc. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Distributions of profits from the War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM(a) OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base : Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1951-52 ..	103	105	97	103	112	100
1952-53 ..	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54 ..	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55 ..	120	127	117	123	132	120
1955-56 ..	134	136	120	131	146	127
1956-57(b) ..	121	142	116	128	164	118

(a) Indexes of value at constant prices, i.e. quantities revalued at average unit values of base years (1936-37 to 1938-39). (b) Subject to revision.

Section III.—Building.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER 1957.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone	2,851	3,714	255	3,324	2,318	285	330	19	13,096
Wood (Weatherboard, etc.)	3,557	6,055	2,636	62	15	1,005	11	4	13,345
Fibre Cement	5,713	630	884	592	1,156	50	..	122	9,147
Other	..	23	212	42	2	4	..	2	285
Total	..	12,144	10,611	3,817	3,980	3,493	1,340	341	35,873

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1952-53 ..	..	(b)20,127	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(c) (b)63,554
1953-54 ..	..	(b)27,590	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(c) (b)74,438
1954-55 ..	..	24,348	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	74,327
1955-56 ..	..	23,506	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	499	341
1956-57 ..	..	23,477	19,649	7,572	6,832	5,565	2,591	509	251
Six months ended—									
December, 1956 ..	11,309	9,655	4,343	3,555	2,425	1,120	190	185	32,791
December, 1957 ..	12,023	10,286	3,484	3,621	2,766	1,194	629	111	34,114

COMPLETED.

1952-53 ..	..	24,890	21,241	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(c) 77,538
1953-54 ..	..	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(c) 75,398
1954-55 ..	..	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	79,838
1955-56 ..	..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	75,536
1956-57 ..	..	22,267	20,185	7,217	7,193	5,030	2,759	561	65,540
Six months ended—									
December, 1956 ..	10,801	10,816	3,660	3,855	2,577	1,558	400	185	33,942
December, 1957 ..	12,144	10,611	3,817	3,980	3,493	1,340	341	147	35,873

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1952-53 ..	..	(b)23,593	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(c) (b)64,361
1953-54 ..	..	(b)24,670	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,922	2,149	449	(c) (b)63,415
1954-55 ..	..	20,136	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	58,047
1955-56 ..	..	17,273	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240
1956-57 ..	..	18,483	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	533	163
December, 1956 ..	..	17,691	17,238	3,789	5,944	4,132	1,867	384	240
December, 1957 ..	..	18,362	17,588	3,128	5,495	4,092	1,991	821	127

(a) Includes flats.

(b) Partly estimated.

(c) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1952-53	1,664	602	53	58	100	14	46	(b) 2,627
1953-54	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b) 2,180
1954-55	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	(c) 2,272
1955-56	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	..	2,968
1956-57	861	899	174	230	365	105	264	(c) 2,898
Six months ended—									
December, 1956	532	351	95	88	281	56	130	(c) 1,533
December, 1957 (d)	..	598	601	192	174	93	31	4	(c) 1,698

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 1,854 flats were commenced, and 2,712 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER 1957.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	37,251	34,954	10,306	12,842	10,117	4,015	1,613	665	111,763
Flats ..	1,300	1,549	347	421	189	98	13	(a)	3,917
Shops ..	2,718	2,076	1,111	471	492	226	167	68	7,329
Business Premises—									
Office ..	12,731	4,007	927	627	729	495	423	91	19,914
Other ..	3,076	2,936	1,407	738	585	330			9,188
Factories ..	16,218	11,214	1,263	1,747	392	413	66	56	31,369
Hotels, Guest Houses, etc. ..	1,839	668	517	410	147	(b)			3,635
Educational ..	3,258	3,513	688	585	291	370			9,409
Religious ..	726	799	293	237	210	(b)	641	219	2,406
Health ..	2,647	1,483	1,598	630	438	7			6,810
Entertainment and Recreation ..	2,075	621	1,072	328	395	51			4,604
Miscellaneous ..	1,708	1,338	549	154	356	391	231	101	4,828
Total ..	85,547	65,158	20,078	19,190	14,341	6,504	3,154	1,200	215,172

(a) Included with houses.

(b) Not available for publication.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1952-53	(a) 68,994	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,611	2,785	(b) a 211,055
1953-54	a 109,103	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	(b) a 288,773
1954-55 ..	..	121,351	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	339,196
1955-56 ..	..	133,257	121,570	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	4,708	2,300 376,922
1956-57 ..	..	135,798	111,423	37,841	31,888	22,241	14,138	5,959	1,765 361,053
Six months ended—									
December, 1956 ..		70,602	54,398	22,224	15,043	9,946	7,019	1,977	1,193 182,402
December, 1957 ..		69,933	52,941	18,423	17,217	13,357	5,821	4,645	756 183,093

COMPLETED.

1952-53 ..	..	98,049	76,593	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(b) 263,215
1953-54 ..	..	101,545	85,250	25,913	26,105	25,785	9,692	3,878	(b) 278,171
1954-55 ..	..	110,694	97,886	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653 313,320
1955-56 ..	..	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935 352,004
1956-57 ..	..	133,094	113,963	35,383	33,997	23,424	12,609	5,940	2,285 360,695
Six months ended—									
December, 1956 ..		62,002	58,065	16,959	16,859	12,439	5,960	4,164	1,437 177,885
December, 1957 ..		85,547	65,158	20,078	19,190	14,341	6,504	3,154	1,200 215,172

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1952-53 ..	..	(a) 93,019	93,189	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b) a 270,093
1953-54 ..	..	a 104,895	99,372	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	(b) a 292,428
1954-55 ..	..	117,498	106,196	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573 327,711
1955-56 ..	..	132,693	123,445	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	11,240	1,967 369,965
1956-57 ..	..	138,792	126,381	31,332	36,792	26,217	12,085	11,520	1,555 384,674
December, 1956 ..		142,361	122,174	33,970	36,724	24,160	11,123	9,290	1,742 381,544
December, 1957 ..		127,670	115,412	30,189	35,439	25,637	11,325	13,066	1,166 359,904

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.

(\$A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales ..	53,088	280,537	346,096	336,976	314,383
Victoria ..	40,463	237,683	297,494	299,340	254,946
Queensland ..	9,070	55,631	68,883	61,738	48,824
South Australia ..	6,670	51,472	64,804	62,752	45,407
Western Australia ..	6,137	42,505	50,648	46,482	40,212
Tasmania ..	1,292	13,049	15,129	12,641	14,117
Northern Territory ..	34	642	688	1,155	1,004
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	..	..	4	38
Australia ..	116,754	681,609	843,742	821,088	718,991
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales ..	45,908	263,175	220,657	225,650	292,433
Victoria ..	30,819	208,581	216,572	209,396	255,752
Queensland ..	28,652	165,105	154,483	152,145	190,782
South Australia ..	14,841	110,249	95,079	97,666	122,924
Western Australia ..	17,070	68,459	68,507	76,143	108,299
Tasmania ..	3,198	17,783	18,762	20,305	22,503
Northern Territory ..	18	30	104	559	612
Australia ..	140,496	828,332	774,164	781,864	993,305

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			
											Aust. Produce.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3	
1953-54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	189.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0	
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2	
1955-56 ..	1,602,952	821,088	768,090	13,774	781,864	172.1	88.1	82.5	1.5	84.0	
1956-57 ..	1,712,296	718,991	979,643	13,662	993,305	179.6	75.4	102.8	1.4	104.2	
Six Months ended—											
Dec., 1956..	815,579	359,861	448,154	7,564	455,718	86.0	37.9	47.3	0.8	48.1	
Dec., 1957..	854,154	394,842	451,778	7,534	459,312	88.1	40.7	46.6	0.8	47.4	

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; 1954-55, £13,181; 1955-56, £13,539 and 1956-57, £14,208.

(\$A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-).		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1953-54 ..	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+183,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
1955-56 ..	818,293	2,795	821,088	770,837	11,027	781,864	-47,456	+8,232	-39,224
1956-57 ..	716,682	2,309	718,991	973,397	19,908	993,305	+256,715	+17,599	+274,314
Six months ended—									
December, 1956..	358,601	1,260	359,861	443,126	12,592	455,718	+84,525	+11,332	+95,857
December, 1957..	393,382	1,460	394,842	452,747	6,565	459,312	+59,365	+5,105	+64,470

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

OVERSEA TRADE.

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Australian Territories.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	South Africa, Union of.	Arabian States.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Czechoslovakia.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	655	..	71	252	1	1	..	606	525	..	..	2
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	314	423	..	2	4,069	1,033	111	120	220	2	16	3
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	962	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
4. Tobacco ..	226	..	..	23	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	12
5. Live animals ..	58	..	..	..	..	9	3	150	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	228	31	..	9	..	341	..	897	64	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures ; and synthetic fibres ..	904	1,021	2	5	134	504	97	509	241	..	136	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	23,528	2	..	111	6	9,346	7	16	44	..	1,128	657
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	530	125	5,174	..	..	1,829	186	96	395	12,424	19	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2,098	..	..	32	..	2	..	..	1	..	3	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	276	2	..	1,002	8	32	..	35	772	..	3	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	90,476	4	..	4,405	1	29	572	97	227	..	394	305
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,588	610	26	523	48	33	4,037	16	..	..	2	2
14. Wood and wicker ..	215	550	967	1,584	..	6	849	602	..	..	2	14
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	3,496	..	..	79	..	1	..	5	..	..	569	157
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	10,600	..	..	2,741	..	91	9	3,016	26	..	76	116
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	1,477	..	..	2	4	19	..	..	272	..	156	52
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	2,704	1	..	118	..	1	1	6	13	..	60	19
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. ..	9,099	751	..	231	15	4	3	50	133	..	130	6
20. Miscellaneous ..	15,150	101	4	414	92	143	60	262	236	1	149	87
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	553	..	..	..	..	..	208	..	..	..	..
Six months ended—												
December, 1957 ..	164,584	4,174	6,244	11,534	4,378	13,426	5,935	6,691	3,176	12,427	2,855	1,421
December, 1956 ..	148,036	4,564	6,001	11,957	4,498	12,690	5,223	6,008	1,849	10,268	3,888	1,297
Year 1956-57 ..	296,251	8,455	15,224	22,157	9,863	24,509	10,875	11,979	3,635	23,449	7,462	2,442
" 1955-56 ..	355,912	8,099	9,801	23,306	8,632	23,469	16,230	8,531	4,001	28,607	11,579	2,728
" 1954-55 ..	378,669	6,943	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	4,849	27,851	12,234	2,331
" 1953-54 ..	331,701	6,251	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	3,375	27,925	7,063	2,147
" 1938-39 ..	46,094	3,086	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	291	756	1,122	572

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Iran.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total All Countries.	
SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1957.													
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	3	85	..	..	63	530	87	8	18	320	514	3,689
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	24	46	1,824	8	370	2	375	5	14	6	2,180	11,167	
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	97	10	..	..	21	..	9	..	..	2	38	1,142
4. Tobacco ..	1	5	10	..	1	..	109	..	..	5,388	2,006	7,792
5. Live animals ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	7	9	240
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	43	6	..	..	6	11	23	5	..	27	528	2,219
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ; cork and manufactures ; and synthetic fibres ..	52	258	383	26	319	54	63	42	22	2,856	2,269	9,897	
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	1,533	2,404	5	4	2,116	6,871	1,518	37	1,975	274	3,407	54,989	
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	221	101	11,071	8,175	143	36	132	4	1	3,068	5,269	48,999	
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	10	316	..	..	123	138	47	2	444	557	53	3,826
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	16	54	77	..	47	4	7	24	..	704	763	3,826	
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	1,475	9,116	6	..	1,059	363	1,714	2,849	820	26,236	1,909	142,059	
13. Rubber and leather and manu- factures thereof ..	126	69	..	67	..	154	10	4	13	6	2,072	29	9,368
14. Wood and wicker ..	9	21	..	..	21	138	7	264	10	1,674	774	7,774
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	159	339	..	..	68	657	38	88	5	342	314	6,319
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	19	422	..	..	96	120	312	2,411	23	871	2,190	23,139
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	69	893	..	..	98	603	36	12	787	9	370	4,859
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	53	1,051	..	..	115	279	84	80	118	994	133	5,828
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	538	2,309	..	..	142	352	529	141	918	1,601	1,194	18,146
20. Miscellaneous ..	303	2,144	117	2	620	314	499	244	167	5,137	1,856	28,104	
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	699	1,460	..
Six months ended—													
December, 1957	4,755	19,649	13,560	8,215	5,582	10,482	5,543	6,229	5,331	52,145	26,504	394,842
December, 1956	4,617	16,734	11,363	11,766	4,585	6,648	5,408	5,772	4,180	45,791	26,718	359,861
Year 1956-57	9,297	31,079	26,356	17,804	9,112	12,884	10,555	11,510	8,219	95,544	50,330	718,991
,, 1955-56	15,626	34,998	22,401	22,819	11,821	22,592	13,233	12,048	10,596	98,790	55,269	821,088
,, 1954-55	14,689	30,888	22,529	5,984	11,740	18,422	13,081	13,516	10,582	102,157	62,104	843,742
,, 1953-54	11,793	21,365	21,972	47	11,182	6,545	9,618	10,230	9,492	73,254	52,928	681,609
,, 1938-39	1,172	(a) 4,710	(b) 8,117	956	781	4,666	799	1,079	1,072	16,699	8,416	(c) 116,754

(a) Pre-war Germany.

(b) Pre-war Netherlands East Indies.

(c) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	United Kingdom.	Australian Territories.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Czechoslovakia.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.												
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	34,876	892	1,256	940	743	642	2,180	105	1,755	41	477	..
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	27,776	1,010	7,851	2,033	1,621	346	1,906	6,798	1,256	29	496	..
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	328	184	188	1	3	2	29	66	24	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	33	99	..	3	6	1	4	64	13	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	6	6	..	..	15	..	10	75	254	1	1	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	46,235	5	612	19	66	1,228	16	321	5	668	12,151	3,835
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ; cork and manufactures ; and synthetic fibres ..	67	5	6	..	..	2	1	103	..	9	10	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	148	173	11	1	8	4	7	446	5	6	21	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,628	295	5	363	18	85	271	2,902	1,372	850	5	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2	125	..	2	13	6	15	161	7	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	2,854	10	21	1	14	18	27	284	16	19	1,052	1
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	7,847	1,741	105	113	540	4,436	701	11,251	538	943	928	1
13. Rubber and leather and manu-fac-tures thereof ..	1,278	99	2	11	255	5	83	269	39	60	..	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	536	55	19	113	12	1	2	1,465	7	65	5	..
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	5	142	..	..	..	..	6	320	1	4	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manu-fac-tures and stationery ..	231	95	1	4	1	4	10	1,004	22	33	..	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	41	22	9	5	9	..	..	96	9	31	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	196	68	8	1	3	..	1	390	9	25	..	2
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc.	142	206	45	21	32	85	149	1,013	56	60	1	..
20. Miscellaneous ..	819	2,752	51	65	189	114	386	1,980	1,023	70	3	10
21. Gold and silver : bronze specie	36	22	..	..	6,231	..	..	33	..	..	..	..
Six months ended— December, 1957 ..	125,084	8,006	10,190	3,696	9,779	6,979	5,804	29,146	6,411	2,914	15,131	3,849
December, 1956 ..	132,283	8,106	7,070	5,837	12,842	17,268	4,517	22,713	7,101	1,261	16,172	1,657
Year 1956-57 ..	277,550	16,013	10,681	10,582	23,432	28,580	9,088	51,002	14,129	2,784	35,161	7,558
,, 1955-56 ..	257,414	15,102	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	4,775
,, 1954-55 ..	285,506	12,979	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	5,078
,, 1953-54 ..	300,765	12,416	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,788
,, 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,176	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	1,911	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	378

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

OVERSEA TRADE.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Statistical Class.	China. (Mainland)	France.	Germany, Federal public of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Poland.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Other Countries.	Total, All Countries.	
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.													
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	41	20	870	267	232	463	239	..	2	1,525	5,047	52,613	
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	8	..	259	1,419	208	10,812	277	..	6	5	10,208	74,326	
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	115	947
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	93	317
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	1	6	..	70	4	..	..	14	387
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	848
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures and synthetic fibres ..	5,162	43,887	15,881	1	24,069	39,068	978	6,503	560	8,937	14,447	224,656	
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	..	2	79	9	3	6	20	..	4	196	47	567
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	35	..	12	3	344	36	4	6	..	55	121	1,394	
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	59	10	278	715	4	..	307	39	1,736	10,977
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	99
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	..	192	442	..	279	3,832	470	..	200	6,088	1,336	17,156
13. Rubber and leather and manu- factures thereof ..	121	11	700	728	309	2,817	122	..	573	6,126	5,269	45,920	
14. Wood and wicker ..	15	..	6	5	16	4	1	..	9	20	198	2,375	
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	32	1	..	1	8	..	..	16	102	2,440
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	139
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery, and time- pieces ..	1	..	..	3	8	..	..	..	..	..	19	111
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	5	34	..	1	69	34	..	..	35	30	430
19. Chemicals, medicinal and phar- maceutical, products, etc. ..	4	2	3	2	1	4	1	..	..	115	66	899
20. Miscellaneous ..	2	5	38	24	48	258	3	..	..	401	484	3,073
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	4	88	71	184	30	132	74	4	45	535	2,551	11,182	
Six months ended—										31	212	6,565	
December, 1957 ..	..	..	5,393	44,215	18,487	2,694	25,826	58,289	2,239	6,513	1,706	24,163
December, 1956	2,664	43,115	20,382	2,746	20,221	56,418	2,789	4,390	615	31,907	36,308
Year 1956-57	6,438	91,974	46,948	6,820	52,953	139,010	5,547	12,553	2,440	66,111	69,513
.. 1955-56	2,701	67,814	36,431	6,705	34,621	86,490	6,192	8,253	3,483	55,004	57,892
.. 1954-55	2,705	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	6,243	3,243	52,440	54,446
.. 1953-54	2,192	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	7,286	3,601	55,534	84,773
.. 1938-39	3,023	9,386	(a) 2,652	(b) 1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	426	637	19,562	2,308
													140,496

(a) Pre-war Germany.

(b) Pre-war Netherlands East Indies.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin .. .	84	103	150	172
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin .. .	282	445	668	776
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors .. .	797	912	1,502	1,662
4. Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff .. .	3,152	3,261	6,292	6,302
5. Live animals .. .	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs .. .	4	1	6	4
7. Vegetable substances and fibres, etc. .. .	72	77	128	132
8a. Yarns and manufactured fibres .. .	112	161	224	330
8b. Textiles .. .	1,408	1,900	3,155	3,765
8c. Apparel .. .	404	499	921	1,047
9. Oils, fats and waxes .. .	3,404	2,835	6,870	5,049
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes .. .	37	43	77	83
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons .. .	4	9	13	19
12a. Metals and metal manufactures .. .	2,246	2,562	5,203	4,939
12b. Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances, etc. .. .	1,077	917	1,890	2,110
12c. Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical) .. .	1,640	1,795	3,612	3,740
13a. Rubber and rubber manufactures .. .	208	424	486	681
13b. Leather and leather manufactures .. .	17	28	40	54
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured .. .	362	357	740	681
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware .. .	449	474	935	924
16a. Pulp, paper and board .. .	109	129	254	224
16b. Paper manufactures and stationery .. .	102	130	223	255
17. Sporting material, toys, jewellery and timepieces .. .	552	715	1,193	1,318
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments, etc. .. .	256	302	556	603
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, etc. .. .	296	369	579	705
20. Miscellaneous goods (including passenger's baggage and Post Office collections) .. .	487	627	1,036	1,265
Sundry undistributed duties .. .	42	113	91	183
Duties under Industries Preservation Act .. .	1	..	4	..
Other Miscellaneous Customs receipts .. .	63	59	166	104
Total Customs .. .	17,667	19,247	37,014	37,127
Primage .. .	1,221	713	2,553	1,591
Total Customs and Primage .. .	18,888	19,960	39,567	38,718
EXCISE.				
Beer .. .	30,483	33,191	52,674	55,640
Spirits .. .	2,143	2,132	4,517	4,506
Tobacco .. .	4,522	4,399	8,847	8,564
Cigars and cigarettes .. .	12,085	13,951	23,165	25,374
Petrol .. .	8,915	10,933	17,586	20,303
Aviation Turbine Kerosene .. .	..	54	..	61
Diesel Fuel .. .	..	1,492	..	1,874
Playing cards .. .	12	12	26	25
Cigarette papers and tubes .. .	233	225	459	435
Matches .. .	290	293	558	573
Coal .. .	166	151	325	322
Other Excise .. .	197	522	311	1,007
Total Excise .. .	59,046	67,355	108,468	118,684
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue .. .	77,934	87,315	148,035	157,402
Refunds and Drawback paid .. .	1,697	1,635	3,205	3,205
Total Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	76,237	85,680	144,830	154,197

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

TOTAL IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	41	78	108	150
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	399	678	757	1,006
Preserved in airtight containers ..	823	842	1,370	1,265
Other	64	331	163	473
Lactose	57	67	110	126
Meats—				
Sausage casings, natural	93	324	173	454
Other	45	11	69	28
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	60	100	122	187
Total, Class I.	1,582	2,431	2,872	3,689
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	153	175	364	502
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab	184	88	1,272	288
Coffee and chicory	707	748	1,330	1,223
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	50	69	86	123
Fruit, dried, dates	1	4	3	16
Grain and pulse	51	137	142	225
Hops	48	23	64	52
Nuts, edible	200	667	493	1,230
Pectin	17	15	32	28
Pickles and sauces	16	41	47	113
Spices	210	178	382	357
Sugar and sugar syrups	91	148	98	163
Tea	2,873	3,850	6,790	6,221
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	4	42	62	75
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	137	43	367	72
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	109	276	256	479
Total, Class II.	4,851	6,504	11,788	11,167
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale and other beer, porter, cider and perry	4	9	9	14
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	314	511	651	893
Other	35	102	89	175
Wine, fermented	23	36	44	60
Total, Class III.	376	658	793	1,142

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.
 (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	101	89	206	170
Cigars	33	61	70	113
Snuff .....	..	..	1	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	18	65	65	127
Unmanufactured	3,731	5,712	5,474	7,381
Total, Class IV.	3,883	5,927	5,816	7,792
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS				
	97	82	275	240
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	194	228	367	423
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	28	10	43	30
Furred skins	119	98	211	205
Goat	91	77	156	159
Other	14	15	36	27
Shells	33	15	78	23
Wool	276	630	718	1,134
Other animal substances	87	80	183	218
Total, Class VI.	842	1,153	1,792	2,219
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	568	618	1,509	1,275
Cork and manufactures	159	156	286	283
Fibres—				
Coir	47	54	100	114
Cotton, raw	1,882	1,455	3,492	3,029
Flax and hemp	134	9	218	37
Jute	131	118	271	309
Kapok	41	53	95	95
Sisal	397	399	739	723
Synthetic fibres and filaments	499	771	822	1,552
Other	37	55	73	107
Gums and resins	385	629	782	1,061
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	227	386	489	774
Other oil seeds	25	68	47	85
Tanning substances	144	121	286	278
Other vegetable substances	90	91	153	175
Total, Class VII.	4,766	4,983	9,362	9,897

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

(\$A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,604	2,368	3,604	3,650
Woolpacks	809	363	1,909	1,254
Other	135	165	231	334
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	77	85	153	168
Sewing and other cotton	500	519	1,041	1,132
Yarns—				
Cotton	631	899	1,294	1,750
Hair	67	55	104	86
Synthetic fibre	1,828	2,475	4,267	5,795
Woollen	36	40	71	98
Other	49	37	84	70
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	8	5	23	10
Total, Class VIII.(a)	5,744	7,011	12,781	14,347
(b) Textiles—				
Blankets and blanketeting	37	60	81	115
Floor coverings	1,570	1,713	3,319	3,499
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	241	389	570	737
Other (incl. curtains and blinds)	107	147	234	280
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	246	267	567	529
Cotton and linen	6,218	9,671	15,086	20,191
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	175	178	339	375
Jute, including hessian and brattice cloth	876	852	1,580	1,779
Synthetic fibre	1,455	1,656	3,981	3,689
Silk	110	263	274	625
Velvets, velveteens, etc.	217	417	342	604
Woollen	256	456	439	684
Felts	134	117	312	271
Other	307	543	689	1,252
Towels and towelling	231	465	434	799
Other textiles	106	192	262	365
Total, Class VIII.(b)	12,286	17,386	28,509	35,794
(c) Apparel—				
Buttons, including snap fasteners	67	113	130	214
Footwear	124	161	301	347
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	72	93	127	172
Outerwear	38	76	57	112
Underwear	14	17	24	39
Other	39	75	65	105

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued</i>.				
(c) Apparel— <i>continued</i> .				
Garments— <i>continued</i> .				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	126	174	241	314
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	82	43	190	108
Gloves	199	253	460	576
Hats and caps	157	197	384	419
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece	178	149	551	423
Lace, nets and veillings	294	383	715	1,000
Ribbons and galloons	38	62	92	131
Other	170	214	406	473
Other apparel	147	203	337	415
Total, Class VIII.(c)	1,745	2,213	4,080	4,848
Total, Class VIII.	19,775	26,610	45,370	54,989
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	180	339	432	764
Oils—				
Castor	50	87	115	147
Linseed	386	390	1,016	719
Olive	124	192	361	378
Peanut (china)	182	296	397	521
Petroleum—				
Crude	14,468	15,193	26,506	31,742
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	1,556	1,180	3,384	2,869
Lubricating (mineral)	1,677	1,291	3,067	2,733
Residual and solar	412	467	1,182	999
Spirit	3,898	3,157	7,343	5,562
Turpentine substitutes	211	211	496	538
Other	454	174	1,201	989
Tung (china wood)	102	53	192	126
Other	305	320	613	912
Total, Class IX.	24,005	23,350	46,305	48,999
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	344	395	658	831
Titanium oxide and titanium white	447	376	1,040	779
Other	166	215	413	410
Dyes, natural and synthetic, including lakes	489	802	971	1,626
Paints, colours and varnishes	62	96	122	180
Total, Class X.	1,508	1,884	3,204	3,826

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	121	149	246	330
Asbestos	443	762	857	1,526
Sulphur	780	381	1,102	854
Other rocks, minerals, etc.	319	660	725	1,116
Total, Class XI.	1,663	1,952	2,930	3,826
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	775	767	2,098	1,509
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	150	154	320	289
Chain and chains of base metal ..	178	178	367	374
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	41	330	103	334
Other	144	337	409	585
Cutlery	444	506	943	1,024
Fencing posts and droppers ..	31	164	65	239
Heating and cooking appliances ..	168	210	398	442
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingot, etc. ..	1,414	1,001	3,477	2,124
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	269	531	762	1,067
Pig, scrap and powder	11	10	19	19
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	301	534	666	1,100
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	15	35	28	57
Plain	704	552	1,838	1,173
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,107	2,829	5,755	6,641
Structural	423	55	1,092	202
Kitchenware	51	106	112	207
Lamps and lampware	122	199	271	391
Leaf and foil	279	476	650	876
Meters and parts	534	551	1,140	1,143
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	57	77	114	151
Tin	161	206	198	572
Tools of trade	842	916	1,869	1,868
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	2,412	3,856	5,509	6,198
Cycles and cycle parts	125	137	284	277
Motor cycles, side-cars, etc.	210	354	432	648
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	805	1,040	2,076	1,996
Bodies and parts	1,189	2,181	3,163	4,008
Chassis and parts	10,460	12,625	24,070	23,400
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	319	178	546	262
Other and parts	871	886	1,967	2,128

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures</i> —continued.				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	217	112	660	254
Copper and copper base alloys	21	26	40	57
Other	111	101	212	209
Wire manufactures—*				
Iron and steel	220	187	576	398
Other	7	..	14	..
Other metals and semi-manufactures†				
..	375	422	1,000	944
Other metal manufactures	1,758	1,986	3,608	4,091
Total, Class XII.(a)	29,321	34,815	66,851	67,257
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i> —				
Batteries and accumulators	90	111	210	207
Cable and wire, covered	143	163	380	341
Communication equipment including radio and television	2,257	2,559	4,180	5,455
Dynamo electric machines—				
Electric motors	729	784	1,524	1,769
Other	819	1,404	1,873	2,405
Hearing aids	66	76	121	144
Heating and cooking appliances	238	231	428	431
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines	146	84	293	207
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, etc.	380	438	770	863
Measuring and recording instruments	193	180	380	393
Protective equipment	244	193	546	461
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,162	1,356	2,576	2,850
Transformers and rectifiers	1,122	438	2,378	1,137
Other electrical machinery and appliances	1,201	1,018	2,921	1,957
Total, Class XII.(b)	8,790	9,035	18,580	18,620
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —				
Air and gas compressors	270	239	510	547
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery—				
Harvesting	576	565	1,757	1,204
Other	257	243	780	511
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	166	198	528	511
Dairying machinery	180	150	392	300
Hand tools (power driven)	553	335	1,219	633

* For cable and wire, covered see Class XII.(b). † Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes, flexible or metal-cased.

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i>				
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—<i>continued.</i></i>				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	121	189	273	383
Other	170	202	406	438
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,313	1,347	3,056	3,050
Other	959	1,350	2,396	2,731
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts	1,120	986	2,464	2,074
Power boilers and parts	99	90	313	205
Tractors and parts	2,997	6,090	6,590	11,975
Turbines and parts	550	973	1,630	1,412
Other and parts	3,614	2,522	7,890	5,613
Office and accounting machines (including taxi meters)	1,451	1,770	2,902	3,616
Packaging machinery	97	164	296	286
Paper-making machinery	82	126	162	195
Paper-working machinery	167	220	343	408
Printing machinery	408	678	879	1,334
Pumps	266	264	494	506
Refrigerating appliances	280	206	604	510
Roller and ball bearings	832	1,137	1,761	2,119
Sewing machines	592	954	1,342	1,833
Shavers, electric, and parts	115	97	245	386
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,765	2,124	3,434	4,476
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	114	421	186	660
Other	559	1,237	1,147	2,357
Wood working machinery	124	173	321	332
Other machines and machinery	2,274	2,416	4,257	5,577
Total, Class XII.(c)	22,071	27,466	48,577	56,182
Total, Class XII.	60,182	71,316	134,008	142,059
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated (incl. crepe)	2,342	2,267	4,808	4,602
Substitutes	562	953	1,548	2,250
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread	161	234	459	519
Tyres and tubes	313	385	768	1,066
Other	189	282	438	540
Total, Class XIII.(a)	3,567	4,121	8,021	8,977
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	86	96	191	199
Leather manufactures	68	92	148	192
Total, Class XIII.(b)	154	188	339	391
Total, Class XIII.	3,721	4,309	8,360	9,368

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	387	549	1,121	1,092
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	455	375	968	631
Undressed (including logs) ..	3,822	3,355	7,443	5,949
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	54	60	96	102
Total, Class XIV. ..	4,718	4,339	9,628	7,774
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	200	168	452	353
Cement	16	55	50	111
Crockery and other householdware ..	873	949	1,949	1,877
Glass	1,091	937	2,240	1,880
Glassware	458	519	948	1,044
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	110	78	218	174
Tiles	162	245	383	439
Other earthenware, china, etc. ..	179	186	379	441
Total, Class XV. ..	3,089	3,137	6,619	6,319
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards ..	285	340	641	694
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint	2,965	3,000	6,206	6,975
Other	1,076	911	2,250	1,694
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	295	526	677	988
Wrapping and bag papers ..	621	657	1,272	1,445
Writing and typewriting ..	263	315	613	548
Other	448	452	840	856
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	1,492	1,446	3,384	3,166
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	7,445	7,647	15,883	16,366
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, etc. ..	2,123	2,322	4,248	4,646
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	214	271	382	477
Other	58	95	108	168
Other paper manufactures, stationery, etc.	539	708	1,223	1,482
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	2,934	3,396	5,961	6,773
Total, Class XVI. ..	10,379	11,043	21,844	23,139

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIALS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods..	238	300	559	573
Jewellery—				
Precious stones, unset	230	248	417	525
Other including imitation jewellery	262	301	572	584
Sporting material	100	167	228	343
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements.. . . .	271	296	532	600
Watches and watch movements	442	496	749	821
Toys	388	704	1,065	1,413
Total, Class XVII.	1,931	2,512	4,122	4,859
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	281	558	625	971
Cinematographs	59	164	190	314
Films for cinematographs	510	478	1,039	911
Photographic goods	129	222	245	411
Scientific instruments, appliances and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	208	290	487	606
Surgical and dental	623	613	1,242	1,258
Thermostats	82	102	181	213
Other scientific instruments and appliances	569	559	1,067	1,144
Total, Class XVIII.	2,461	2,986	5,076	5,828
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	342	314	663	600
Additives for petroleum oils	281	317	632	782
Alcohols and spirits	283	398	561	844
Calcium carbide	130	109	283	198
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	109	378	188	621
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	114	169	236	335
Other	1,700	2,123	3,122	4,370
Essential oils	128	135	267	290
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	106	111	203	257
Rock phosphates	693	496	1,547	1,333
Other	488	212	807	423
Gases, refrigerant	100	58	175	140
Perfumery and toilet preparations	133	147	302	321
Soap and soap substitutes	96	148	203	301
Sodium carbonates	5	7	24	14
Sodium cyanide	73	53	148	147
Styrene (monomer)	146	155	358	309
Tetraethyl lead	272	306	561	490
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	2,221	2,869	4,568	5,698
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i.	220	402	447	673
Total Class XIX.	7,640	8,907	15,295	18,146

Value of Commodities, etc.—Total Imports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	40	44	99	97
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	240	293	589	1,086
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, etc. ..	133	179	313	373
Brushware	53	78	106	147
Cellulose acetate, preformed shapes ..	79	176	178	343
Imports made subject to the condition that they are re-exported	1,079	697	1,668	1,320
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	897	829	2,161	1,731
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, etc., including records ..	187	290	391	630
Other	112	171	266	355
Outside packages	2,988	3,602	6,525	7,088
Packings for engines, boilers, etc. ..	280	345	589	708
Passengers' effects	1,263	1,235	2,100	2,338
Prefabricated buildings	85	16	213	106
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects	513	1,325	1,062	2,858
Structural steelwork for use with industrial equipment	135	251	250	281
Synthetic resins	1,031	1,762	2,075	3,458
Synthetic sausage casings	97	53	150	143
Vessels (ships)	919	539	2,069	1,531
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	141	174	244	374
All other articles	1,100	1,733	2,094	3,137
Total, Class XX.	11,372	13,792	23,142	28,104
Total, Merchandise	168,841	197,875	358,601	393,382
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	727	521	1,236	1,435
Silver, including silver in matte	15	9	24	25
Total, Class XXI.	742	530	1,260	1,460
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	72,476	87,827	153,311	176,212
Victoria	61,168	71,661	127,200	139,883
Queensland	11,430	12,672	25,161	24,515
South Australia	11,228	11,892	25,510	24,963
Western Australia	10,640	10,903	21,264	22,158
Tasmania	2,321	3,145	6,877	6,514
Northern Territory	313	293	523	573
Australian Capital Territory	7	12	15	24
GRAND TOTAL	169,583	198,405	359,861	394,842

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

TOTAL EXPORTS.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	9,349	7,250	14,990	9,801
Cheese	1,337	789	1,883	1,135
Eggs	1,917	2,110	2,688	2,917
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	136	213	393	563
Ghee	107	96	258	215
Honey	175	266	302	467
Infants' and invalids' foods	618	720	1,137	1,357
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	74	64	115	98
Meat extracts	131	263	306	600
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	5,224	4,209	11,068	12,851
Lamb	2,166	3,827	2,565	4,200
Mutton	267	473	515	723
Offals	701	835	1,360	1,541
Pork	57	61	112	146
Poultry	83	42	124	85
Rabbit and hare	589	570	1,301	1,377
Preserved in airtight containers	2,702	3,686	6,457	8,387
Sausage casings, natural	508	738	810	1,122
Other	127	139	283	306
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,755	1,581	2,538	2,206
Dried, including malted	1,602	1,281	2,654	2,157
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	175	193	372	359
Total, Class I.	29,800	29,406	52,231	52,613
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	129	79	225	171
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	94	81	191	173
Food for animals	774	101	1,384	254
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	72	58	199	205
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	106	75	482	381
Raisins	465	647	1,618	3,755
Other	88	7	230	38
Fresh and frozen—				
Apples	67	15	354	226
Citrus	457	394	827	796
Other	7	4	13	8
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	789	758	3,826	3,972
Pulpel	9	2	33	30

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—<i>continued</i>.				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	71	37	114	94
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	5,461	4,223	10,649	9,065
Other	174	192	300	322
Rice, (cleaned)	298	344	725	721
Other	352	408	851	1,035
Unprepared—				
Barley	558	1,635	4,648	5,396
Millet	90	80	196	201
Oats	763	88	1,542	230
Peas (not split)	35	44	100	65
Rice	83	141	284	296
Sorghum	71	..	372	..
Wheat	17,978	9,937	35,874	18,201
Other	7	28	38	34
Jams and fruit jellies	85	95	203	214
Soups	87	70	199	169
Sugar—from cane	10,943	14,874	17,136	27,454
Tea	41	86	110	165
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	49	88	73	133
Other	104	68	307	275
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	113	105	240	247
Total, Class II.	40,420	34,764	83,343	74,326
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, etc.	147	154	316	295
Spirits (beverages)	61	60	151	161
Wine	197	206	553	491
Total, Class III.	405	420	1,020	947
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	59	87	116	154
Tobacco	67	96	147	163
Total, Class IV.	126	183	263	317
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	252	217	352	454
Horses	107	60	192	138
Sheep	110	86	237	207
Other live animals	24	27	43	49
Total, Class V.	493	390	824	848

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued*.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	657	878	1,258	1,961
Kangaroo and wallaby	129	129	208	195
Rabbit and hare	354	245	766	671
Sheep and lamb	4,964	6,163	8,939	11,836
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	140	137	247	214
Pearl-shell	314	313	678	681
Trochus-shell	116	61	296	119
Wool—				
Greasy	122,309	116,258	175,809	181,957
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, noils, tops and waste	13,134	11,549	24,891	26,655
Other animal substances	211	126	455	367
Total, Class VI.	142,328	135,859	213,547	224,656
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	381	109	706	288
Tanning substances	96	89	328	122
Other vegetable substances	85	72	167	157
Total, Class VII.	562	270	1,201	567
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres</i> —				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	247	268	451	491
Yarns—				
Woollen	18	32	51	49
Other	46	33	78	74
Other manufactured fibres	54	22	77	54
Total, Class VIII.(a)	365	355	657	668
(b) <i>Textiles</i> —				
Piece goods—				
Cotton	23	46	52	99
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	16	17	34	38
Woollen	20	39	31	81
Other	21	19	71	38
Other textiles	74	83	138	166
Total, Class VIII.(b)	154	204	326	422

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued.</i>				
(c) <i>Apparel</i> —				
Footwear	27	41	54	69
Outerwear	42	36	76	62
Shirts, underwear and sleeping attire	27	13	41	25
Other apparel	59	68	142	148
Total, Class VIII.(c)	155	158	313	304
Total, Class VIII.	674	717	1,296	1,394
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, etc.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	18	14	24	41
Fatty acids	53	82	112	173
Tallow, edible and inedible	826	923	1,593	2,674
Other	50	50	80	94
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale, including petroleum jelly—				
Kerosene (incl. aviation turbine fuel) ..	222	65	241	109
Lubricating	79	83	187	173
Residual, diesel fuel and furnace oil ..	1,589	2,628	3,169	4,320
Spirit	104	410	160	893
Other	160	555	174	785
Whale oil	789	493	1,434	1,606
Other	43	56	88	109
Total, Class IX.	3,933	5,359	7,262	10,977
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	26	48	114	95
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	143	89	274	213
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	101	56	167	151
Total, Class X.	270	193	555	459
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	225	528	446	797
Asphalt, tar and pitch	93	34	164	163
Coal	220	753	549	1,620
Coke	123	226	323	555
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Copper	274	27	1,546	853
Lead and silver-lead	1,521	2,088	3,618	3,881
Titanium and zirconium	2,436	2,008	4,267	4,461
Tungsten	755	542	1,452	1,080
Zinc	1,733	1,031	2,860	2,873
Other	103	262	193	714
Other rocks and minerals	102	78	169	159
Total, Class XI.	7,585	7,577	15,587	17,156

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Copper	1,807	1,630	3,095	3,116
Copper-base alloys	406	58	500	149
Iron and steel—				
Bar and rod	444	256	743	401
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	1,053	762	1,609	1,761
Plate and sheet	4,737	3,490	5,613	7,082
Scrap	1,008	633	1,635	1,790
Other	638	902	1,093	1,658
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,815	1,454	4,182	3,043
Pig	7,364	3,891	11,903	8,312
Other	241	163	554	327
Zinc	1,246	751	2,067	1,367
Other	114	147	274	285
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	115	95	200	313
Tools of trade	93	125	167	246
Vehicles and parts—				
Complete motor vehicles	1,058	460	2,028	864
Other vehicles and parts	914	1,258	2,345	3,461
Window louvres	132	210	231	420
Other metal manufactures	954	889	1,843	1,978
Total, Class XII.(a)	24,139	17,174	40,082	36,573
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—				
Batteries and accumulators	98	100	177	200
Cable and wire, covered	92	72	191	126
Communication equipment	293	188	523	533
Other electrical appliances	269	265	480	532
Total, Class XII.(b)	752	625	1,371	1,391
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—				
Aircraft engines and parts	32	93	102	153
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery	244	436	710	955
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	122	134	225	530
Motive power machinery	361	1,476	804	2,023
Personal and massage appliances	34	88	69	189
Pumps, machinery	76	146	142	258
Refrigerating appliances	80	99	145	163
Other machines and machinery	1,173	1,641	2,283	3,685
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,122	4,113	4,480	7,956
Total, Class XII.	27,013	21,912	45,933	45,920

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	226	229	408	481
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	150	160	279	359
Other	549	674	972	1,282
Sheep and lamb	17	21	39	44
Other	86	86	146	142
Leather manufactures	36	33	55	67
Total, Class XIII.(b)	838	974	1,491	1,894
Total, Class XIII.	1,064	1,203	1,899	2,375
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	340	674	431	1,157
Timber	548	492	918	986
Wood and wicker manufactures	159	138	296	297
Total, Class XIV.	1,047	1,304	1,645	2,440
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..				
254	294	536	621	
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	109	118	258	277
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, news-papers, etc.	412	385	781	768
Other	213	239	461	502
Total, Class XVI.(b)	625	624	1,242	1,270
Total, Class XVI.	734	742	1,500	1,547
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, etc.	75	125	132	236
Sporting goods	62	43	136	124
Other	38	40	89	70
Total, Class XVII.	175	208	357	430
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, etc.	49	34	88	119
Photographic goods and materials	158	172	315	409
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	81	184	182	371
Total, Class XVIII.	288	390	585	899

Value of Commodities, etc.—Exports—*continued.*
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	459	411	653	573
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	63	88	118	177
Other	342	369	605	701
Eucalyptus oil	68	42	105	86
Perfumery and toilet preparations	58	47	119	106
Soap	69	96	136	206
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	365	368	582	806
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	213	211	382	418
Total, Class XIX.	1,637	1,632	2,700	3,073
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	24	52	43	107
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried on outside Australia and for Australian representatives abroad				
Other goods exported with the intention that they be re-imported and temporary imports when subsequently exported.				
Goods exported by Australian Companies for installation in or servicing their own aircraft abroad	357	497	907	1,176
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	1,157	1,244	2,009	3,081
Synthetic resins	538	291	864	674
Miscellaneous exports when valued at less than £50 in any one consignment	243	154	392	332
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	1,322	1,325	2,677	2,744
All other articles	1,094	145	1,307	234
Total, Class XX.	1,294	1,278	2,643	2,834
Total, Class XX.	6,029	4,986	10,842	11,182
Total, Merchandise	264,837	247,809	443,126	452,747
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie				
Gold, including gold in matte	3,801	399	8,234	6,303
Silver, including silver in matte	776	155	4,358	262
Total, Class XXI.	4,577	554	12,592	6,565
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	84,059	69,797	134,966	130,787
Victoria	69,777	68,230	111,003	113,498
Queensland	45,976	46,907	86,560	100,184
South Australia	31,556	28,446	57,247	56,878
Western Australia	34,633	31,090	59,645	51,683
Tasmania	3,393	3,710	5,851	5,895
Northern Territory	20	183	446	387
Australian Produce	265,164	244,944	448,154	451,778
Re-exports	4,250	3,419	7,564	7,534
GRAND TOTAL	269,414	248,363	455,718	459,312

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
		1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter	'000 lb.	59,360	49,808	96,413	66,039
Cheese	"	14,545	9,352	18,975	12,245
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	27,084	20,981	39,339	29,491
Dried, including malted	"	23,111	17,454	34,245	26,886
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	3,449	4,324	6,624	8,188
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	5,146	5,734	8,779	10,279
Not in shell	'000 lb.	8,130	11,840	8,188	12,665
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	257	233	427	366
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	75,753	58,122	162,679	182,067
Lamb	"	25,186	39,944	29,352	43,739
Mutton	"	5,139	9,329	8,912	13,645
Offals	"	8,150	8,668	15,941	17,693
Pork	"	285	419	586	903
Poultry	"	398	184	593	399
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	35	33	54	73
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.	5,350	5,828	11,730	15,337
Preserved in airtight containers	"	23,056	33,421	51,770	70,653
Sausage casings, natural	'000 bundles	415	730	846	1,112
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruit—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	1,866	1,210	8,589	6,767
Raisins	"	9,070	10,791	30,615	58,425
Tree fruits	"	742	46	2,008	208
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	47	6	234	123
Citrus	"	307	262	553	521
Other	"	2	2	5	3
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	11,522	9,691	54,637	51,149
Pulp	"	188	26	516	374
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	103	49	168	92
Flour (wheaten), plain white	"	384,471	287,706	758,992	611,447
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	1,163	830	2,712	1,518
Rice	cwt.	91,414	111,790	223,223	229,843
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	23,493	81,147	228,696	265,198
Oats	"	35,973	3,684	73,090	12,584
Wheat	"	706,003	372,641	1,445,377	688,088
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	1,328	1,262	3,171	2,982
Sugar—from cane	ton	256,150	313,494	418,971	539,456
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	369	580	650	1,116

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
		1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	284	351	796	750
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	12,112	13,585	22,298	32,582
Kangaroo and wallaby	"	321	381	525	569
Rabbit and hare	"	852	1,006	1,616	2,319
Sheep and lamb	"	27,111	32,556	48,937	58,436
Wool—					
Greasy	"	360,419	369,935	536,634	558,238
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	"	30,666	26,092	59,653	58,825
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	5,870	13,543	15,743	36,904
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	54,635	173,300	139,633	359,839
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	"	18,898	32,419	48,520	60,394
Zinc	"	90,012	68,193	155,169	189,329
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	52,421	38,064	85,055	77,882
Bullion	"	11,681	10,853	26,905	21,501
Zinc, bars, blocks, etc.	"	10,308	8,183	17,024	18,771

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre- served in air- tight con- tainers.
			Vine.	Tree.					

QUANTITY.
('000 lb.)

1938-39	..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	184,213	3,915	81,279
1953-54	..	88,030	50,959	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954-55	..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955-56	..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,300	3,665	209,123
1956-57	..	170,833	38,262	748	384,644	76,274	1,437	100,837	2,877	133,991
Six months ended—										
Dec., 1956		96,413	18,975	427	162,679	38,264	586	39,204	2,008	54,630
Dec., 1957		66,039	12,245	366	182,067	57,384	903	65,192	208	51,142

VALUE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1953-54	..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55	..	24,580	5,057	355	21,809	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955-56	..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,375	427	15,469
1956-57	..	25,824	3,860	196	23,271	6,095	271	6,209	377	10,078
Six months ended—										
Dec., 1956		14,990	1,883	115	11,068	3,080	112	2,100	230	3,826
Dec., 1957		9,801	1,135	98	12,851	4,923	146	4,136	38	3,971

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Period.	Wheat.	Flour (Wheaten) Plain White.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar— from Cane.	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		

QUANTITY.

1938-39	..	tons. 1,690,956	'000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,384	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1953-54	..	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229	140,256
1955-56	..	1,902,896	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,475	114,550	105,566	145,987
1956-57	..	2,440,355	1,499,424	591,548	675,282	1,206,621	131,880	103,373	167,380
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956		1,445,377	758,992	228,696	418,971	536,634	59,653	48,937	85,055
Dec., 1957		688,088	611,447	265,198	539,456	558,238	58,824	58,436	77,882

VALUE.
 (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1953-54	..	30,957	29,682	14,870	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55	..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955-56	..	46,456	19,703	10,471	24,723	293,835	43,673	15,691	19,539
1956-57	..	60,058	21,669	12,745	28,780	425,727	57,977	19,917	22,915
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1956		35,874	10,649	4,648	17,136	175,809	24,891	8,939	11,903
Dec., 1957		18,201	9,065	5,396	27,454	181,957	26,655	11,836	8,311

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
BUTTER.								CHEESE.
United Kingdom	79,975	11,724	57,069	8,173	15,002	1,154	8,580	541
Australian Territories	241	45	286	49	50	9	59	9
Ceylon	1,127	203	997	165	213	42	116	17
Guiana (British)	166	34	60	12	1	..	4	1
Hong Kong	631	116	663	112	101	16	87	11
India	358	76	36	7	462	90	67	11
Malaya, Fed. of	659	142	862	161	43	8	58	9
Malta	265	47	168	26	157	21	24	3
Mauritius	337	77	288	60	61	12	46	8
Singapore	1,944	358	1,017	183	370	56	308	39
West Africa (British)	123	27	28	6	57	12	55	10
West Indies	334	69	205	42	36	6	63	10
Other C'wealth Countries	580	124	589	120	133	27	205	36
Arabian States	463	103	341	72	664	145	738	133
Burma	108	25	154	33	31	6	26	5
Egypt	39	7	..	..	2	..	..	..
French Dependencies—								
New Caledonia	243	47	246	45	72	13	47	8
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	4,579	877	669	100	413	50	..	..
Italy	2,883	599	112	16	..	..	..	..
Japan	46	8	50	9	110	20	41	6
Lebanon	49	8	9	1	18	4	108	19
Netherlands Antilles	174	38	105	22	1	..	1	..
Philippines	308	68	545	102	521	99	991	151
Other Foreign Countries	781	168	1,540	285	457	93	621	108
New South Wales	1,635	263	937	155	72	13	152	24
Victoria	67,631	11,034	49,914	7,718	12,497	1,354	6,900	796
Queensland	20,264	2,815	7,929	1,034	1,354	130	480	63
South Australia	1,384	184	450	51	5,036	383	4,314	232
Western Australia	42	7	47	7	16	3	399	20
Tasmania	5,457	687	6,762	836	..	..	..	..
Total	96,413	14,990	66,039	9,801	18,975	1,883	12,245	1,135
BACON AND HAMS.								BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)
United Kingdom	19	4	..	..	122,739	7,908	147,267	9,747
Bermuda	..	..	..	..	717	110	414	74
Ceylon	16	4	5	1	173	17	331	33
Hong Kong	35	11	28	9	4,396	273	4,565	341
Malta	..	..	..	..	1,733	134	648	60
Singapore	182	45	89	18	5,961	472	4,026	368
West Indies (British)	15	4	35	9	408	50	1,034	108
Other C'wealth Countries	128	38	183	53	2,690	280	5,324	480
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia	..	..	..	..	405	77	176	37
Other	13	3	3	1	295	45	409	76
Belgium-Luxemburg	..	..	..	..	3,927	271	5,106	372
Egypt	..	..	..	..	22	2	..	..
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	..	..	..	..	119	9	..	..
Philippines	5	2	..	..	5,886	446	2,288	211
United States of America	..	..	..	..	853	96	2,899	313
Other Foreign Countries	14	4	23	7	12,355	878	7,580	631
New South Wales	65	20	36	11	10,560	986	17,892	1,483
Victoria	15	3	15	3	3,464	380	5,737	570
Queensland	240	67	207	61	140,308	9,171	187,721	9,453
South Australia	11	4	6	2	182	11	532	40
Western Australia	96	21	102	21	8,143	518	19,883	1,280
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	22	2	302	18
Total	427	115	366	98	162,679	11,068	182,067	12,851

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	30,069	2,400	49,104	4,273	37	6	224	33
Australian Territories ..	327	39	301	37	167	30	131	25
Canada ..	2,193	204	1,157	92	32	6	34	7
Ceylon ..	259	25	185	18	14	3	35	6
Hong Kong ..	391	29	379	36	14	2	71	11
Singapore ..	2,030	144	1,426	110	142	24	219	30
Other C'wealth Countries	1,765	140	2,467	191	59	14	48	9
Arabian States ..	283	36	218	31	67	16	71	13
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	577	27	972	56	..	..	..	..
Egypt ..	34	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	55	8	671	42	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	281	27	504	37	54	11	70	12
 New South Wales ..	 1,672	 135	 3,044	 228	 77	 18	 45	 10
Victoria ..	16,870	1,373	32,947	2,642	140	26	188	32
Queensland ..	169	11	184	8	225	40	205	37
South Australia ..	11,107	939	12,505	1,243	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	8,089	586	8,159	746	123	25	410	57
Tasmania ..	357	36	545	56	21	3	55	10
Total ..	38,264	3,080	57,384	4,923	586	112	903	146
 United Kingdom ..	 2,877	 169	 1,804	 95	 4,810	 288	 30,960	 2,115
Canada ..	3,841	207	3,139	174	17,271	830	18,541	1,064
Ceylon ..	159	9	118	7	436	25	604	36
New Zealand ..	1,213	67	1,033	64	7,247	433	7,139	463
Singapore ..	22	2	28	2	18	1	38	3
Other C'wealth Countries	453	26	588	35	441	23	990	61
Germany, Fed. Rep. of Other Foreign Countries	24	..	57	4	..	392	..	..
Total ..	8,589	481	6,767	381	30,615	1,619	58,425	3,755

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
DRIED TREE FRUITS.								
United Kingdom ..	834	92	9	1	44,749	3,130	43,286	3,337
Canada ..	4	..	2	..	1,570	111	1,533	119
New Zealand ..	575	73	120	26	6,295	432	4,536	365
Singapore ..	2	..	10	1	254	18	240	19
Other C'wealth Countries ..	131	11	56	7	1,151	91	1,115	96
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	13	1	..	..
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	399	48	7	2	29	1	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	63	6	4	1	569	42	432	35
FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.								
New South Wales ..	380	36	49	6	8,966	619	5,240	416
Victoria ..	18	1	19	2	26,787	1,975	34,562	2,736
Queensland ..	1	..	..	..	10,693	735	6,723	505
South Australia ..	578	74	136	29	4,713	330	4,455	298
Tasmania ..	1,031	119	4	1	4	..	2	..
Total	2,008	230	208	38	3,467	167	160	16
					54,630	3,826	51,142	3,971
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.				
					'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.
WHEAT.								
United Kingdom ..	324,089	8,053	184,190	4,824	95,029	1,273	55,500	780
Aden ..	295	8	820	24	21,405	288	23,547	348
Australian Territories ..	73	2	48	1	5,645	89	5,265	87
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	7,846	118	8,731	144
Ceylon ..	296	8	148	4	195,464	2,482	91,623	1,306
Cyprus ..	..	..	..	..	24	1	16	..
East Africa (British) ..	356	11	138	4	9,475	127	8,827	132
Hong Kong ..	20,714	495	22,394	563	10,237	145	6,536	99
India ..	498,963	12,206	11,637	311	1	..	888	13
Ireland, Republic of ..	..	..	13,007	346	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	4,523	126	10,596	288	64,867	1,013	96,382	1,282
Mauritius ..	10	..	..	..	27,096	383	12,320	179
New Zealand	146,377	3,577	128,175	3,373	146	2	304	5
Pacific Islands—								
Fiji	28	1	17	1	13,045	201	10,166	170
Other	24	1	2	..	5,279	81	8,862	146
Pakistan ..	96,491	2,592	116,958	3,177	155	2	277	4
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	32,467	839	31,261	846	3,282	44	1,980	30
Singapore	1,786	51	1,729	48	47,346	714	40,928	648
Other C'wealth Countries ..	10,141	249	8,908	239	14,144	198	5,907	85
Arabian States ..	3,397	100	1,667	46	27,525	332	26,679	361
Burma ..	2,789	75	..	..	22,824	344	18,626	293
Egypt .. ..	..	..	..	..	4,352	68	3,753	54
France ..	39,581	967	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies ..	285	8	180	6	11,772	172	14,169	227
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	112,761	2,647	..	..	102,638	1,559	87,993	1,393
Indonesia .. ..	..	..	220	6	..	..	..	..
Iraq	31,543	893	2,426	69	..	..	..	..
Japan	88,264	2,179	112,304	2,922	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—								
India	2,616	76	2,900	85	1,357	26	1,710	25
Mozambique	11,609	294	8,833	226	157	2	694	10
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	885	13	404	7
Sudan .. ..	..	..	..	..	29,224	395	22,516	331
Thailand	120	4	79	2	20,084	308	21,716	350
Other Foreign Countries ..	15,779	412	29,451	790	17,688	269	35,128	556
New South Wales ..	87,283	1,964	285	10	265,149	3,737	144,279	2,275
Victoria	260,086	6,257	116,945	3,023	257,421	3,580	260,801	3,977
Queensland	76,129	1,941	..	..	36,167	528	4,058	64
South Australia	268,903	6,805	237,128	6,305	90,578	1,230	65,319	877
Western Australia	752,976	18,907	333,730	8,863	109,677	1,574	136,990	1,872
Total	1,445,377	35,874	688,088	18,201	758,992	10,649	611,447	9,065

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.
BARLEY (UNPREPARED).					SUGAR—from cane.			
United Kingdom ..	16,984	337	49,116	951	223,362	10,206	289,469	14,590
Australian Territory—					865	55	884	65
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	96,414	3,119	93,300	5,020
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	23,887	850	17,048	617
Ceylon ..	15	..	7	..	22,625	814	13,135	714
Hong Kong ..	179	4	100	2	2,379	80	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	2	..	2	..	20,193	872	21,007	1,050
New Zealand ..	9,961	269	2	1	2,280	142	4,020	139
Other C'wealth Countries ..	5	..	335	8	..	..	..	..
Belgium—Luxemburg ..	29,003	607	32,736	664	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies—					..	..	..	..
New Caledonia ..	..	..	5	..	917	59	415	38
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	37,345	473	30,438	604	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	4,615	116	5,568	134	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	112,373	2,464	127,156	2,651	26,010	937	100,147	5,218
Netherlands ..	16,014	323	18,292	351	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	2,200	55	1,441	30	39	2	31	3
 New South Wales ..	..	..	7	 1	 3,083	 197	 4,522	 174
Victoria ..	58,077	900	12,255	248	232	15	192	16
Queensland ..	7,107	166	..	..	415,622	16,922	534,710	27,261
South Australia ..	150,291	3,322	248,993	5,065	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	13,221	260	3,943	82	34	2	32	3
Total ..	228,696	4,648	265,198	5,396	418,971	17,136	539,456	27,454

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.							
United Kingdom ..	150,148	48,981	128,290	40,565	14,207	5,297	10,748	4,164
Canada ..	1,980	680	227	68	1,273	490	1,336	542
Hong Kong ..	1,233	477	..	..	462	251	72	50
India ..	178	40	1	..	1,734	825	2,189	1,223
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,249	885	1,690	603	29	11	13	5
New Zealand ..	27	5	91	30	258	157	458	274
South Africa, Union of ..	1,046	304	1,819	583	127	49	151	75
Other C'wealth Countries ..	..	..	50	19	413	203	201	110
Austria ..	1,327	532	1,850	674	1	..	45	23
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	49,358	12,191	49,341	11,235	1,817	736	1,862	675
China ..	..	..	260	100	5,191	2,762	7,751	5,062
Czechoslovakia ..	3,863	1,381	8,332	3,108	..	..	1,301	718
Denmark ..	..	..	25	8	348	141	950	406
Egypt ..	171	50	237	92	11	5	..	..
France ..	104,615	32,748	107,425	32,653	3,308	1,360	3,758	1,574
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	34,225	11,088	38,864	12,442	4,107	1,628	6,594	2,756
Greece ..	5	2	15	6	401	161	596	287
Italy ..	48,869	16,249	67,832	21,352	3,886	1,320	4,024	1,530
Japan ..	99,563	36,762	96,802	38,070	11,500	5,242	1,194	570
Mexico ..	2,808	999	2,357	982	318	126	216	108
Netherlands ..	1,479	421	939	312	659	250	804	320
Norway ..	..	..	..	..	9	3	55	24
Poland ..	12,193	4,342	16,252	6,477	60	26	15	7
Portugal ..	164	61	1,612	599	131	50	346	153
Spain ..	1,574	549	4,287	1,615	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	15	4	820	266	379	141	431	173
Switzerland ..	3,006	906	3,189	999	159	70	411	199
Turkey ..	1,860	718	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	12,456	4,610	10,710	3,957	7,060	2,573	9,551	3,645
Yugoslavia ..	1,178	438	2,752	1,073	9	4	50	23
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,044	386	12,169	4,069	1,796	1,001	3,702	1,959
Total ..	536,634	175,809	558,238	181,957	59,653	24,891	58,824	26,655

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1956.		1957.		1956.		1957.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.
SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.								
United Kingdom ..	5,690	922	4,699	824	29,240	4,117	32,416	3,398
New Zealand ..	98	6	..	..	2,502	358	2,577	291
South Africa, Union of ..	..	..	39	10	..	..	61	6
Other C'wealth Countries ..	9	2	9	1	1,927	270	2,571	290
Belgium-Luxemburg ..	602	124	1,073	253	..	..	302	32
France ..	39,654	7,411	46,995	9,498	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	1,285	256	2,660	672	..	..	600	61
Netherlands ..	269	42	509	76	..	..	58	6
United States of America ..	840	83	420	46	50,224	6,990	25,177	2,646
Other Foreign Countries ..	490	93	2,032	456	994	147	14,120	1,581
LEAD (PIG).								
New South Wales ..	13,902	2,606	16,062	3,326	3,297	480	339	42
Victoria ..	17,529	3,155	21,632	4,325	755	95	293	31
Queensland ..	2,086	387	2,633	502	37	5	9	2
South Australia ..	8,113	1,489	10,431	2,053	80,885	11,312	77,241	8,236
Western Australia ..	4,864	847	5,423	1,127	81	11	..	..
Tasmania ..	2,443	485	2,255	503	..	..	..	..
Total ..	48,937	8,939	58,436	11,836	85,055	11,903	77,882	8,311

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1946-47 to 1955-56 appear in *Transport and Communication*, Bulletin No. 47, pages 42-52.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955-56 ..	2,054	10,095	2,425	11,228	1,697	6,886	2,457	11,096
1956-57 ..	2,073	10,110	2,628	11,815	1,992	7,888	2,660	11,834
Six months ended December—								
1956 ..	1,044	4,979	1,339	5,886	1,037	4,071	1,367	6,022
1957 ..	1,066	5,210	1,326	6,038	968	3,956	1,282	5,860

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED, ('000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.						
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.								
New South Wales ..	2,646	109	1,730	648	1,928	123	851	209
Victoria ..	1,377	154	2,307	510	582	180	725	237
Queensland ..	437	109	294	99	398	47	869	67
South Australia ..	1,212	84	341	160	2,337	45	799	46
Western Australia ..	196	89	1,381	60	686	45	1,165	49
Tasmania ..	300	144	145	10	214	180	50	12
Northern Territory ..	10	..	15	..	4	..	3	..
Australia ..	6,178	689	6,213	1,487	6,149	620	4,462	620
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.								
New South Wales ..	2,616	142	2,125	601	2,051	157	924	218
Victoria ..	1,352	134	2,375	516	675	193	592	256
Queensland ..	615	81	199	103	414	34	821	73
South Australia ..	1,238	73	251	139	2,176	53	900	60
Western Australia ..	201	87	1,312	65	772	38	820	83
Tasmania ..	346	143	130	16	244	165	36	4
Northern Territory ..	27	7	33	..	1	..	6	..
Australia ..	6,395	667	6,425	1,440	6,333	640	4,189	694
Total 1956-57 ..	11,862	1,284	12,596	2,752	11,899	1,290	8,734	1,379
" 1955-56 ..	11,184	1,572	12,431	3,421	11,632	1,315	6,667	1,546
" 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
" 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
" 1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
" 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,281

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st December, 1957.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—							
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 2½d. per box (56 lb.).	
Continent	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 9d. "	"
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.	"
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	..	30s. per ton measurement.	
Meats—							
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—							
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.	
Lamb	..	..	..	..	..	3½d. "	"
Mutton	..	..	..	..	..	3½d. "	"
Rabbit and Hares	..	..	..	..	..	23s. ", ton measurement.	
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	..	204s. "	"
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	..	..	..	..	..	204s. "	"
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	..	204s. "	"

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	..	..	32s. per ton weight.	
Jams	..	..	..	..	..	161s. 6d. per ton measurement.	
Jellies	..	..	..	..	..	204s.	
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	..	161s. 6d. ", "	"
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—							
Apples	..	..	..	..	..	12s. 6d. per bushel case.	
Citrus	..	..	..	..	..	12s. 6d. ", "	"
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—							
Wheat—							
Charter	..	..	..	..	..	90s. per ton weight	
Parcels	..	..	..	..	..	90s. ", "	"
Barley	..	..	..	..	..	105s. ", "	"
Oats	..	..	..	..	..	127s. 6d. ", "	"
Maize	..	..	..	..	..	110s. ", "	"
Grain and Pulse, prepared—							
Flour, Wheaten	..	..	..	..	..	105s. ", "	"
Bran	..	..	..	..	..	125s. ", "	"
Pollard	..	..	..	..	..	117s. 6d. ", "	"
Rice (clean, husked)	..	..	..	..	..	110s. ", "	"

WINE 204s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—							
Calf	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb. (dry in bales)	
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	3½d. "	"
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. "	"
Other	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. "	"
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	..	204s. per ton measurement.	
Wool—							
Greasy	..	..	..	..	..	3.39d. per lb. less 7%.	
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	..	4.26d. "	"
Tops	..	..	..	..	..	4.06d. per lb. (net).	

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	..	204s. per ton measurement.	
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	..	204s. ", " weight.	
Copra	..	..	..	..	..	33s. ", " measurement.	
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.	

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	..	319s. per ton measurement.	
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	..	359s. per ton weight.	

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oil—							
Coconut	..	..	..	..	..	230s. 6d. per ton measurement.	
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	..	204s. ", "	"
Fusel	..	..	..	..	..	32s. ", "	"
Whale	..	..	..	..	..	23s. ", "	"
Other	..	..	..	..	..	204s. ", " weight."	"
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	..	230s. 6d. ", "	"

PAINTS AND VARNISHES 204s. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 1957—continued.

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	...	...	207s. 6d. per ton weight.
Zinc—			
Ingots	..	..	155s. , , , "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	481s. , , , "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	211s. , , , "
Copper (ingots)	..	..	162s. 6d. , , , "
Lead	..	..	153s. , , , "
Steel—			
Billets (up to 30 feet)	..	..	110s. , , , "
Tyres	..	..	181s. 6d. , , , "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	102s. 6d. , , , "

LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Leather	448s. per ton weight.
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WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—			
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	84s. 10d. per 100 super. feet.
, , over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	91s. 1d. , , , "
, , over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	97s. 10d. , , , "

Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS

..	204s. per ton measurement.
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STATIONERY

..	204s. , , , "
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DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	204s. , , measurement.
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	204s. , , measurement.
Casein	323s. , , weight.

SPECIE

..	15s. per cent.
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INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES. GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	148 0	148 0	..	177 6 ..
Melbourne	..	177 6	146 0	..	146 0 ..
Adelaide	..	180 0	162 6	..	127 6 ..
Fremantle	..	(a) 196 6	189 0	..	176 6 ..
Hobart	..	(b) 173 6	144 6	..	131 0 ..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	..	(b) 167 0	144 6	..	115 0 ..
Darwin	239 6	258 6	..	276 0 ..
Auckland(c)	..	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0 282 6
Wellington(c)	..	(d) 157 0	(d) 150 0	(d) 241 3	(d) 150 0 (d) 282 6
Lyttleton(c)	..	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0 282 6
Dunedin(c)	..	157 0	150 0	(d) 241 3	150 0 282 6
New Hebrides—Vila	260 0	..	.. 285 0
Norfolk Island	240 0	..	.. 265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	230 0	230 0	..	230 0 ..
Samarai	230 0	230 0	..	230 0 ..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	260 0	260 0	..	260 0 ..
Rabaul	240 0	240 0	..	240 0 ..

(a) Plus 20s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling.

(d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1946-47 to 1955-56 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 47, pages 5-21.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,258
New South Wales ..	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102	6,103	6,103
Victoria ..	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451	4,445	4,408
Queensland(a) ..	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553	6,456	6,456
South Australia ..	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564	2,564	2,544
Western Australia ..	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111	4,119	4,117
Tasmania ..	605	605	605	605	585	585
Australia ..	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587	26,473	26,471

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029	2,336	2,136
New South Wales ..	(b) 40,012	36,289	37,506	37,294	38,478	37,030
Victoria ..	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635	18,544
Queensland(a) ..	(c) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637	19,289	20,054
South Australia ..	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216	7,113	7,188
Western Australia ..	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769	8,278	8,278
Tasmania ..	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,066	2,105	1,855
Australia ..	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,751	96,234	95,085

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(d)

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	191	190	224	215	230	213
New South Wales ..	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417	280,470	264,137
Victoria ..	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204	166,708	167,405
Queensland(a) ..	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919	35,647	34,271
South Australia ..	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849	16,434	17,406
Western Australia ..	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139	12,271	13,271
Tasmania ..	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114	2,977	2,813
Australia ..	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857	514,737	499,516

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.

('000 Tons.)

Commonwealth ..	694	660	762	816	918	1,069
New South Wales(e) ..	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386	18,787	18,791
Victoria ..	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082	9,607	9,381
Queensland(a) ..	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492	8,180	8,453
South Australia ..	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474	4,414	4,498
Western Australia ..	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407	3,793	4,223
Tasmania ..	889	897	968	1,041	1,075	1,061
Australia ..	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698	46,774	47,476

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).

(b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.
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GROSS REVENUE.(a)
(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741	4,741	4,962
New South Wales ..	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361	75,386	73,689
Victoria ..	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667	37,032	37,352
Queensland(b) ..	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625	31,312	36,678
South Australia ..	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939	13,098	13,773
Western Australia ..	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315	13,080	13,859
Tasmania ..	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322	2,535	2,534
Australia ..	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970	177,184	187,847

WORKING EXPENSES.
(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921	3,176	3,597
New South Wales ..	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397	74,904	75,352
Victoria ..	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032	38,026	39,118
Queensland(b) ..	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946	33,873	37,790
South Australia ..	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414	15,761	15,977
Western Australia ..	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690	15,920	17,076
Tasmania ..	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077	3,262	3,447
Australia ..	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477	184,922	192,357

NET REVENUE.
(£'000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	— 18	505	820	1,565	1,365
New South Wales ..	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964	482	3,337
Victoria ..	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635	— 994	— 1,766
Queensland(b) ..	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679	— 2,561	— 1,112
South Australia ..	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475	— 2,663	— 2,204
Western Australia ..	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375	— 2,840	— 3,217
Tasmania ..	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755	— 727	— 913
Australia ..	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493	— 7,738	— 4,510

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09	66.99	72.50
New South Wales ..	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23	99.36	95.76
Victoria ..	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31	102.68	104.73
Queensland(b) ..	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85	108.18	103.03
South Australia ..	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12	120.33	116.00
Western Australia ..	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29	121.71	123.21
Tasmania ..	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50	128.69	136.01
Australia ..	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14	104.36	102.40

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1956.								
Route Miles open '000	2,201	6,103	4,445	6,387	2,564	4,119	585	26,404
Train-miles '000	593	9,675	4,542	5,297	1,779	2,305	501	24,692
Revenue (c)—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, etc.) £'000	255	6,391	3,065	1,475	451	380	51	12,068
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals ..	1,010	13,699	5,364	7,976	2,695	3,217	562	34,523
Miscellaneous ..	84	170	596	(d)	226	212	15	1,303
Total Revenue (c) ..	1,349	20,260	9,025	9,451	3,372	3,809	628	47,894
Working Expenses £'000	841	19,317	9,743	9,284	(e) 3,931	3,873	823	47,812
Net Revenue £'000	508	943	—718	167	—559	—64	—195	82
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	62.36	96.34	107.95	98.23	116.56	101.68	131.02	99.83
Revenue per Train-mile 45s. 6d. 41s. 11d. 39s. 9d. 35s. 8d. 37s. 11d. 33s. 1d. 25s. 1d. 38s. 10d.								
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	28s. 5d.	39s. 11d.	42s. 11d.	35s. 1d.	44s. 2d.	33s. 7d.	32s. 11d.	38s. 9d.
Passenger-journeys '000	52	65,506	42,213	9,606	4,180	3,355	723	125,035
Freight Carried—								
Livestock '000 tons	36	(f)	162	99	231	58	40	631
Coal and Coke ..	138			671	446	56	133	
Other Minerals ..	11	4,831		215	325	53	74	11,984
Other Goods ..	89		1,561	(d) 1,607	633	948	193	
Total Freight ..	274	4,993	2,331	2,499	1,072	1,174	272	12,615

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1957.								
Route Miles open '000	2,258	6,103	4,425	6,387	2,551	4,117	585	26,426
Train-miles '000	503	9,109	4,596	5,226	1,844	1,866	425	23,569
Revenue (c)—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, etc.) £'000	262	6,209	3,079	1,488	453	383	46	11,920
Goods, including Livestock and Minerals ..	1,115	13,010	5,078	8,481	2,872	2,606	586	33,748
Miscellaneous ..	107	175	637	(d)	221	248	16	1,404
Total Revenue (c) ..	1,484	19,394	8,794	9,969	3,546	3,237	648	47,072
Working Expenses £'000	983	18,484	10,033	9,504	(e) 4,114	3,679	776	47,573
Net Revenue £'000	501	910	—1,239	465	—568	—442	—128	—501
Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue %	66.22	95.31	114.09	95.34	116.03	113.68	119.66	101.06
Revenue per Train-mile 58s. 0d. 42s. 7d. 38s. 3d. 38s. 2d. 38s. 6d. 34s. 8d. 30s. 6d. 39s. 11d.								
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	39s. 1d.	40s. 7d.	43s. 8d.	36s. 5d.	44s. 8d.	39s. 5d.	36s. 5d.	40s. 4d.
Passenger-journeys '000	59	65,967	42,966	9,432	4,344	3,712	569	127,049
Freight Carried—								
Livestock '000 tons	24	(f)	162	109	231	52	38	622
Coal and Coke ..	192			640	465	37	146	
Other Minerals ..	24	4,697		221	338	69	79	11,534
Other Goods ..	102		1,366	(d) 1,651	720	593	194	
Total Freight ..	342	4,859	2,115	2,568	1,147	846	279	12,156

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
(b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1946-47 to 1955-56 appear in *Transport and Communication*, Bulletin No. 47, pages 22-28.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1956-57—						
New South Wales ..	103	13,500	144,718	5,542	6,049	— 507
Victoria ..	170	23,574	213,412	6,648	6,756	— 108
Queensland ..	66	8,378	89,346	2,409	2,295	114
South Australia ..	67	6,329	40,702	1,525	1,709	— 184
Western Australia ..	33	1,512	11,499	376	479	— 103
Tasmania (c) ..	113	3,312	23,045	767	859	— 92
Total	552	56,605	522,722	17,267	18,147	— 880
Total—1955-56 (c)	545	58,008	582,168	15,878	18,558	— 2,680
1954-55 (c)	525	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
1953-54 (c)	535	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952-53 (c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951-52 (c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988

(a) Excludes Government grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus- mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1956-57—					
New South Wales ..	493	32,868	179,575	7,884	8,691
Victoria ..	99	5,907	34,640	1,192	1,447
Queensland ..	432	6,412	40,135	994	1,173
South Australia ..	71	4,605	21,488	765	1,008
Western Australia ..	3,059	7,744	26,174	1,055	1,122
Tasmania (c) ..	610	976	914	178	164
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	944	3,627	138	206
Total	4,810	59,456	306,553	12,206	13,811
Total 1955-56(c) ..	4,544	58,682	344,877	9,592	12,970
1954-55(c) ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
1953-54(c) ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952-53(c) ..	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951-52(c) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298

(a) Excludes Government grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations etc. appear in *Transport and Communication* Bulletin No. 47 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Defence Service vehicles are excluded from registrations. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', etc., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1956-57						£	£	£	£
New South Wales	515,941	255,580	35,567	807,088	1,091,467	9,901,324	1,106,031	1,325,892	12,333,247
Victoria(b) ..	527,859	155,100	25,623	708,582	831,847	6,974,759	953,474	1,573,381	9,501,614
Queensland	190,184	134,638	20,312	345,084	(c)	4,632,918	142,471	993,745	5,769,134
South Australia	164,210	66,198	19,799	250,207	308,705	3,302,210	344,758	91,964	3,738,932
Western Australia	103,788	66,030	13,146	182,964	229,739	1,590,619	134,463	133,195	1,588,277
Tasmania	52,716	22,893	4,391	80,000	90,988	857,624	46,978	144,784	1,049,386
Northern Territory	2,419	3,574	664	6,657	7,961	36,972	5,884	615	43,471
Australian Capital Territory ..	7,674	2,708	461	10,843	15,189	82,513	8,899	1,715	93,127
Total ..	1564741	706,721	119,963	2,391,425	d2575890	27,378,939	2,742,958	4,265,291	34,387,188
1955-56	1472259	678,857	125,575	2,276,691	d2457246	1,847,761	1,874,106	3,835,800	20,697,667
1954-55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	d2295854	22,951,527	1,757,244	3,763,924	28,472,695
1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	d2418119	20,450,179	1,579,110	4,882,204	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1107639	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	d2288370	18,779,761	1,350,208	3,761,246	23,891,215
1951-52(e)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	d2194167	15,995,554	1,288,239	3,655,557	20,939,350

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) See note (a) in table below. (c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Queensland.

(e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
1957.									
	AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.								
Motor Cars(b)	536,107	547,041	199,692	168,591	107,052	55,672	2,824	8,203	1,625,182
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	267,222	158,122	137,332	67,528	65,488	23,832	3,842	2,827	726,193
Motor Cycles ..	35,224	25,099	20,439	19,490	12,599	4,210	714	459	118,234
Total ..	838,553	730,262	357,463	255,609	185,139	83,714	7,380	11,489	2,469,609
At 30th June, 1957 ..									
" " " 1956 ..	807,088	708,582	345,506	250,207	182,964	80,000	6,657	10,843	2,391,847
" " " 1955 ..	762,950	677,916	326,977	288,701	178,374	76,748	5,554	10,073	2,277,293
" " " 1954 ..	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
" " " 1953 ..	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1952 ..	613,554	539,823	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	d1,834,742
" " " 1951-52 ..	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(e)	6,260	d1,765,427

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1957.									
Motor Cars(b)	28,713	26,355	10,834	8,318	5,306	2,766	149	579	83,020
Commercial Vehicles, etc.	13,060	7,465	5,669	2,963	2,690	1,032	242	145	33,266
Motor Cycles ..	1,472	1,046	884	648	782	110	24	34	5,000
Total ..	43,245	34,866	17,387	11,929	8,778	3,908	415	758	121,286
Total 1956-57 ..	76,895	63,423	30,620	22,832	14,931	7,629	736	1,251	218,317
1955-56 ..	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,440
1954-55 ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53 ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c)	386	688
1951-52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	d220,935

(a) See Note (a) in table above. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Excludes motor cycles. (d) Not available. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1946-47 to 1955-56 appear in *Transport and Communication* Bulletin No. 47, pages 29-32.

CIVIL AVIATION.
Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 30th September.	
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
Registered Aircraft Owners ..	384	414	437	485	446	492
Registered Aircraft ..	845	887	934	1,054	953	1,061
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	2,035	2,245	2,453	2,592	2,451	2,632
Student	2,331	3,193	3,272	3,397	3,316	3,419
Commercial	552	552	665	829	717	850
Airline Transport ..	917	963	1,003	1,027	991	1,026
Flight Navigators' Licences ..	166	161	177	187	177	195
Radio Operators' Licences ..	1,310	1,344	1,461	1,643	1,500	1,373
Flight Engineers' Licences ..	67	98	94	116	95	156
Aircraft Maintenance Engineers' Licences	1,757	1,747	1,818	1,915	1,804	1,899
Aerodromes—						
Government	198	183	188	169	183	170
Licensed	262	304	301	313	308	314
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	16	13	13	13	13	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Three Months ended 30th September.	
					1956.	1957.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown ..	No.	251,019	257,787	251,900	251,139	63,090	60,384
Miles flown ..	'000.	41,014	43,513	43,701	42,120	10,381	10,271
Paying passengers ..	No.	1,772,357	1,918,125	2,020,380	2,125,338	482,874	512,005
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	702,139	765,652	827,885	891,196	206,414	220,816
Freight—							
Tons (a)	'000.	69,479	78,711	84,446	75,092	19,025	18,336
Ton-miles (a)	'000.	32,650	36,984	38,909	36,330	9,633	9,203
Mail—							
Tons (a)	'000.	2,316	2,317	2,478	2,514	621	765
Ton-miles (a)	'000.	1,225	1,257	1,357	1,404	338	398

OVERSEA SERVICES.(b)

Unduplicated route miles ..	No.	(c) 64,250	(c) 63,774	(c) 58,618	(c) 62,675	(d) 54,632	(d) 64,280
Hours flown ..	..	53,580	49,326	50,665	56,939	13,622	14,721
Miles flown ..	'000.	11,464	11,128	12,028	13,614	3,204	3,543
Paying passengers ..	No.	102,965	114,371	131,934	155,618	33,079	36,274
Paying passenger-miles ..	'000.	290,603	317,565	383,930	476,831	113,327	120,749
Freight—							
Tons (a)	'000.	2,295	2,662	2,990	2,957	765	801
Ton-miles (a)	'000.	8,331	9,372	10,494	11,203	2,760	3,542
Mail—							
Tons (a)	'000.	1,379	1,442	1,491	1,622	380	416
Ton-miles (a)	'000.	7,718	7,927	8,458	9,450	2,302	2,342

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT (e) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number ..	..	26	22	31	37	13	7
Persons Killed ..	..	36	27	22	24	7	5
Persons Injured ..	..	27	19	27	36	10	5

(a) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (b) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (c) At 30th June. (d) At 30th September. (e) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1946-47 to 1955-56 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 47, on pages 53-73. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 35-41 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.
(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December—	
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
Lines connected ..	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,206,625	1,278,871	1,244,730	1,318,630
Instruments connected ..	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,703,622	1,814,430	1,762,173	1,873,791

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
,, 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
,, 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
,, 1955 ..	746,050	549,600	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
,, 1956 ..	776,284	554,339	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793
,, 1957 ..	777,072	554,909	312,527	234,120	155,166	73,459	2,107,253
31st Dec., 1957 ..	797,293	558,933	317,118	235,583	157,893	75,008	2,141,823

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

TELEVISION—VIEWERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Tasmania.	Total.
31st March, 1957 ..	11,873	21,769	..	33,642
30th June, ..	28,912	44,985	11	73,908
30th September, 1957 ..	50,563	69,070	18	119,651
31st December, 1957 ..	74,627	91,922	27	166,576

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)
(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1957.								
New South Wales ..	39,725	13,473	774	216	98	17,321	4,827	2,199
Victoria ..	15,505	10,804	580	223	84	14,120	5,348	2,023
Queensland ..	27,553	7,527	325	235	96	9,800	7,099	2,899
South Australia ..	13,189	3,142	185	215	75	3,944	4,579	1,604
Western Australia ..	11,214	3,082	168	245	94	3,921	5,728	2,185
Tasmania ..	2,140	852	65	199	83	1,107	3,394	1,416
Australian Capital Territory ..	346	186	7	194	67	237	6,581	2,250
Total ..	109,672	39,066	2,113	222	90	50,450	5,301	2,158
Year 1956-57(b) ..	109,672	39,067	2,113	222	90	50,450	5,301	2,157
,, 1955-56(b) ..	105,638	37,766	2,119	228	96	48,773	5,245	2,209
,, 1954-55(b) ..	97,758	36,602	2,042	225	99	46,465	5,121	2,264
,, 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377

(a) Refers to those accidents (reported to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals etc.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. Details by States exclude Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.

(\$ million.)

Particulars.	1952-53. (b)	1954-55. (c)	1955-56. (c)	1956-57. (c)	Three months ended December.	
					1956.(c)	1957.(c)

STATES.

New South Wales ..	674.7	802.3	859.8	888.0	243.0	260.5
Victoria ..	476.3	562.4	609.9	642.5	179.3	186.1
Queensland ..	224.9	271.7	290.4	307.3	84.3	89.1
South Australia ..	143.7	171.7	185.1	190.4	52.5	54.1
Western Australia ..	127.3	147.7	153.2	155.8	42.1	45.4
Tasmania ..	55.2	63.8	68.1	70.6	19.4	20.0
Total ..	1,702.1	2,019.6	2,166.5	2,254.6	620.6	655.2

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	261.5	306.0	335.9	352.1	92.0	96.1
Butchers' Meat	127.8	146.4	158.6	170.6	42.7	42.7
Other Food(<i>d</i>)	206.8	246.6	268.7	280.3	72.5	77.3
Total Foodstuffs ..	596.1	699.0	763.2	803.0	207.2	216.1
Beer, Wine and Spirits ..	173.0	202.7	219.9	235.1	64.2	68.7
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear ..	355.1	422.0	437.3	442.2	128.2	134.3
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(<i>e</i>)	113.8	142.7	153.4	153.9	42.6	44.3
Electrical Goods and Radios(<i>f</i>)	75.8	100.5	106.2	113.7	34.0	38.9
Furniture and Floor Coverings	72.8	86.9	92.3	92.5	26.0	27.5
Other Goods(<i>g</i>)	315.5	365.8	394.2	414.2	118.4	125.4
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.) ..	1,702.1	2,019.6	2,166.5	2,254.6	620.6	655.2
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(<i>h</i>)	417.3	583.7	633.3	640.6	166.0	185.5

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Census figures. (c) Survey figures. Subject to revision. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (f) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1955—31st December ..	79,899	53,180	32,519	21,415	16,080	7,951	211,044
1956—31st March ..	78,987	55,030	32,123	21,328	15,844	8,033	211,345
30th June ..	79,176	56,025	32,046	21,412	15,388	8,163	212,210
30th September ..	80,978	57,748	33,659	22,564	15,276	8,477	218,702
31st December ..	84,011	61,023	35,768	24,500	15,877	9,004	230,183
1957—31st March ..	83,903	61,854	36,258	24,940	15,331	9,011	231,297
30th June ..	85,412	64,042	36,551	25,038	15,488	9,010	235,541
30th September ..	88,557	67,361	37,460	25,501	15,982	8,971	243,832
31st December ..	94,830	73,993	39,748	26,938	17,470	9,469	262,448

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes Australian

Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

Agreements Made during Three months ended 31st December, 1957.

Particulars of Agreements.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Number of Agreements ..	30,603	25,775	15,143	10,109	6,904	3,975	92,509
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	22,998	18,693	10,812	6,742	4,628	2,738	66,611
Amount Financed(d) £'000	13,954	11,817	6,348	4,083	2,879	1,667	40,748

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	30,603	25,775	15,143	10,109	6,904	3,975	92,509
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	22,998	18,693	10,812	6,742	4,628	2,738	66,611
Amount Financed(d) £'000	13,954	11,817	6,348	4,083	2,879	1,667	40,748

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	2,152	1,707	1,348	568	555	183	6,513
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	1,691	1,255	796	474	503	117	4,836
Amount Financed(d) £'000	1,071	771	505	266	339	70	3,022

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	80,404	51,416	40,109	24,185	17,982	5,164	219,260
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	8,850	6,347	2,631	1,975	1,420	427	21,650
Amount Financed(d) £'000	7,185	5,142	2,088	1,642	1,146	334	17,537

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	113,159	78,898	56,600	34,862	25,441	9,322	318,282
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	33,539	26,295	14,239	9,191	6,551	3,282	93,097
Amount Financed(d) £'000	22,210	17,730	8,941	5,991	4,364	2,071	61,307

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses—*continued*.

Agreements Made during each Quarter: Australia.

Period.	Number of Agree- ments.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Pro- portion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	
		£'000.	£	£'000.	£	
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average—						
1955-56	..	76,215	53,128	697	31,391	412
1956-57	..	79,101	56,136	710	34,157	432
Quarterly Total—						
1956—Dec.	..	83,398	59,339	712	36,253	435
1957—March	..	74,923	52,523	701	31,941	426
June	..	76,408	54,334	711	33,099	433
Sept.	..	82,695	57,945	701	35,423	428
Dec.	..	92,509	66,611	720	40,748	440
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Quarterly Average—						
1955-56	..	4,749	2,973	626	1,846	389
1956-57	..	5,759	3,685	640	2,306	400
Quarterly Total—						
1956—Dec.	..	6,364	3,911	615	2,400	377
1957—March	..	6,547	3,666	560	2,260	345
June	..	5,350	3,706	693	2,344	438
Sept.	..	4,705	3,297	701	2,102	447
Dec.	..	6,513	4,836	743	3,022	464
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Quarterly Average—						
1955-56	..	171,686	12,988	76	10,545	61
1956-57	..	172,183	13,322	77	10,686	62
Quarterly Total—						
1956—Dec.	..	186,105	14,243	77	11,424	61
1957—March	..	177,686	14,159	80	11,344	64
June	..	170,638	14,524	85	11,696	69
Sept.	..	179,497	17,080	95	13,804	77
Dec.	..	219,260	21,650	99	17,537	80
TOTAL (All Goods).						
Quarterly Average—						
1955-56	..	252,650	69,089	273	43,782	173
1956-57	..	257,043	73,143	285	47,149	183
Quarterly Total—						
1956—Dec.	..	275,867	77,493	281	50,077	182
1957—March	..	259,156	70,348	271	45,545	176
June	..	252,396	72,564	288	47,139	187
Sept.	..	266,897	78,322	293	51,329	192
Dec.	..	318,282	93,097	292	61,307	193

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VII. — Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)

1953-54	..	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	..	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,143	190,915
1955-56	..	..	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
1956-57	..	..	140,125	44,423	184,548	..	389	18,160	203,097
Quarter ended—									
December, 1956	..	..	141,514	43,744	185,258	..	372	17,912	203,542
March, 1957	..	..	139,887	44,656	184,543	..	425	18,966	208,934
June,	..	..	144,407	46,179	190,586	..	427	19,167	210,180
September,	..	..	144,217	50,091	194,308	..	389	19,547	214,244
December,	..	..	155,488	52,890	208,378	..	426	20,236	229,040
Month of—									
October, 1957	..	..	152,517	50,813	203,330	..	393	21,284	225,007
November,	..	..	155,941	53,770	209,711	..	412	19,331	229,454
December,	..	..	159,835	55,180	215,015	..	500	19,697	235,212

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1953-54	..	..	14,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954-55	..	..	9,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955-56	..	..	6,1032,382	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
1956-57	..	..	6,1028,509	299,499	1,328,008	158	7,343	18,685	1,354,200
Quarter ended—									
December, 1956	..	..	6,0103,805	292,433	1,306,238	158	4,442	20,043	1,330,887
March, 1957	..	..	6,0178,582	309,247	1,387,829	158	3,717	18,742	1,410,452
June,	..	..	6,0158,347	316,430	1,374,777	158	7,101	19,401	1,401,443
September,	..	..	6,0101,821	331,082	1,341,903	157	8,334	17,257	1,367,657
December,	..	..	6,0159,399	344,710	1,404,109	157	3,495	20,495	1,428,262
Month of—									
October, 1957	..	..	6,1041,238	344,270	1,385,508	157	3,263	20,810	1,409,744
November,	..	..	6,1062,362	344,266	1,406,628	157	3,854	19,229	1,429,874
December,	..	..	6,1085,718	346,033	1,431,751	157	3,403	21,657	1,456,974

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1953-54	..	..	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55	..	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955-56	..	..	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
1956-57	..	..	20,472	41,317	16,946	58,263	..	1,372	586	80,693
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	..	20,454	39,358	16,467	55,825	..	1,562	664	78,505
March, 1957	..	..	20,495	44,504	17,288	61,792	..	1,413	578	84,278
June,	..	..	20,607	43,101	17,556	60,657	..	1,675	624	83,563
September,	..	..	20,641	40,297	19,178	59,475	..	1,022	666	81,804
December,	..	..	20,728	41,818	19,556	61,374	..	2,147	743	84,992
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	..	20,735	40,750	19,257	60,007	..	2,165	710	83,617
November,	..	..	20,787	42,254	19,708	61,962	..	2,091	737	85,577
December,	..	..	20,637	43,015	19,852	62,867	..	2,194	807	86,505

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1953-54	..	..	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55	..	..	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955-56	..	..	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
1956-57	..	..	20,478	1,209,951	360,868	1,570,819	158	9,104	37,431	1,637,990
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	..	20,460	1,194,677	352,644	1,547,321	158	6,376	38,619	1,612,934
March, 1957	..	..	20,501	1,262,973	371,191	1,634,164	158	5,555	38,286	1,698,664
June,	..	..	20,613	1,245,855	380,165	1,626,020	158	9,203	39,192	1,695,186
September,	..	..	20,647	1,195,835	400,351	1,595,636	157	9,745	37,470	1,663,705
December,	..	..	20,734	1,256,705	417,156	1,673,861	157	6,068	41,474	1,742,294
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	..	20,741	1,234,505	414,340	1,648,845	157	5,821	42,804	1,718,368
November,	..	..	20,793	1,260,557	417,744	1,678,301	157	6,357	39,297	1,744,905
December,	..	..	20,643	1,288,568	421,065	1,709,633	157	6,097	42,161	1,778,691

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia. (a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Other Securities. (d)	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA. (e)

1953-54	..	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	..	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,188	5,675	194,231
1955-56	..	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
1956-57	..	9,988	34,603	1,469	4,059	35,714	2,654	106,480	7,305	202,272
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	9,768	32,817	1,614	3,792	36,172	2,666	107,936	7,465	202,230
March, 1957	..	10,462	35,157	1,616	4,308	33,774	2,665	108,335	7,178	203,495
June,	..	10,403	39,150	1,725	4,731	36,536	2,620	103,894	7,513	206,572
September,	..	10,917	39,150	1,099	5,192	42,690	2,552	105,927	7,183	214,710
December,	..	10,981	40,250	2,067	5,292	51,279	3,103	105,144	7,629	225,745
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	11,329	39,150	1,936	5,200	49,322	2,656	105,207	6,994	221,798
November,	..	11,401	39,150	2,053	6,750	51,171	3,283	105,451	7,408	227,204
December,	..	9,844	43,550 ^f	2,302	3,500	53,959	3,605	104,631	8,986	230,377

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1953-54	..	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	127,616	6,278	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
1954-55	..	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	120,239	5,113	776,762	45,925	1,357,102
1955-56	..	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,121	6,695	804,392	56,042	1,355,623
1956-57	..	63,661	254,052	20,239	51,162	151,298	7,946	762,638	58,363	1,369,359
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	64,708	231,736	22,137	55,291	134,378	7,885	772,680	58,790	1,347,695
March, 1957	..	66,988	258,949	20,596	87,746	178,136	8,219	735,132	57,390	1,413,156
June,	..	54,662	300,403	20,352	80,208	174,924	7,971	755,802	59,699	1,404,021
September,	..	59,081	300,403	16,619	18,935	159,022	12,223	763,449	60,124	1,389,856
December,	..	61,722	299,303	19,506	38,646	171,338	13,107	767,870	63,084	1,434,576
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	62,736	300,403	19,931	34,850	163,235	13,084	765,537	61,980	1,421,756
November,	..	56,930	300,403	18,428	37,750	174,554	13,123	771,972	63,565	1,436,725
December,	..	66,420	296,003	20,236	46,167	180,553	13,125	766,289	64,285	1,453,078

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1953-54	..	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,240	1,169	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	..	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,295	1,378	72,189	4,923	105,318
1955-56	..	3,902	883	1,588	4,119	13,816	817	75,825	5,332	106,372
1956-57	..	3,857	788	2,267	3,906	15,068	825	77,697	5,599	110,007
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	3,934	777	2,097	2,705	14,735	741	76,961	5,547	107,497
March, 1957	..	4,113	766	3,048	5,310	15,970	839	78,319	5,933	114,298
June,	..	3,933	781	2,317	5,361	15,287	823	79,574	5,667	113,743
September,	..	3,965	781	2,064	4,516	14,347	1,302	78,305	5,937	111,217
December,	..	4,143	759	2,444	5,162	14,193	728	80,378	5,951	113,758
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	3,930	764	2,362	4,760	13,842	698	80,001	6,014	112,371
November,	..	4,298	756	2,563	5,325	14,393	793	80,290	5,958	114,376
December,	..	4,292	756	2,422	5,617	14,510	690	81,124	5,836	115,247

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1953-54	..	87,835	321,116	20,542	130,098	170,780	8,731	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	..	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	171,699	8,097	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955-56	..	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	165,536	9,336	984,111	68,189	1,664,066
1956-57	..	77,506	289,443	23,075	59,127	202,080	11,425	946,815	71,267	1,681,638
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	78,500	265,330	25,848	61,788	185,285	11,202	957,577	71,802	1,657,422
March, 1957	..	81,563	294,872	25,260	97,364	227,880	11,723	921,786	70,501	1,730,949
June,	..	68,998	340,334	24,394	40,300	226,747	11,414	939,270	72,879	1,724,338
September,	..	73,963	340,334	19,782	28,643	216,059	16,077	947,681	73,244	1,715,788
December,	..	76,846	340,312	24,017	49,100	236,810	16,938	953,392	76,664	1,774,079
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	77,995	340,317	24,229	44,810	226,399	16,438	950,745	74,988	1,755,921
November,	..	72,629	340,309	23,044	49,825	240,664	17,199	957,713	76,926	1,778,309
December,	..	80,556	340,309	24,960	55,284	249,022	17,420	952,044	79,107	1,798,702

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.
 (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank.
 (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.
 (d) Includes Local and Semi-Governmental Securities.
 (e) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.				
			Hire Purchase.	Other.					
1953-54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745		
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	748	2,146		
1955-56	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022		
1956-57	56,645	5,141	16,468	9,391	87,645	503	4,195		
Quarter ended—									
December, 1956 ..	45,927	5,112	17,024	9,487	77,550	400	3,813		
March, 1957 ..	59,115	5,136	16,842	9,284	90,377	481	4,125		
June,	54,713	5,231	16,162	9,520	85,626	377	4,721		
September,	32,073	5,358	15,807	9,738	62,976	480	4,510		
December,	20,008	5,464	16,158	9,778	51,408	446	4,449		
Month of—									
October, 1957 ..	20,723	5,453	16,118	9,829	52,123	430	4,402		
November,	20,357	5,478	16,147	9,711	51,693	400	4,380		
December,	18,352	5,463	16,239	9,783	49,837	533	4,622		

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department). (a)
(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).					
	Held by—		Total.										
	Banks.	Public.											
1953-54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979					
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839					
1955-56	42,965	331,131	374,096	272,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716					
1956-57	44,863	338,351	383,214	289,444	31,345	205,917	349,663	508,841					
Quarter ended—													
December, 1956 ..	45,411	341,349	386,760	265,330	31,541	206,473	299,280	552,979					
March, 1957 ..	46,332	338,560	384,892	294,872	33,614	204,667	361,820	505,792					
June,	44,881	339,857	384,738	340,334	22,640	210,039	446,280	463,802					
September,	43,066	341,450	384,516	340,334	29,129	208,401	472,142	465,227					
December,	46,448	346,184	392,632	340,312	27,608	213,663	469,466	500,448					
Month of—													
October, 1957 ..	44,021	343,711	387,732	340,317	32,809	211,359	471,051	495,969					
November,	44,671	345,211	389,882	340,309	23,553	216,419	466,433	499,688					
December,	52,862	351,603	404,465	340,309	24,344	213,828	470,868	508,926					

(a) Averages of weekly figures.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th Dec., 1939.	29th Dec., 1954.	28th Dec., 1955.	26th Dec., 1956.	30th Oct., 1957.	27th Nov., 1957.	25th Dec., 1957.
10s.	4,806	10,912	11,241	11,717	11,036	11,178	12,119
£1	25,805	75,896	75,106	79,318	69,543	69,617	77,044
£5	15,254	104,831	205,005	192,670	172,225	173,148	197,240
£10	6,613	109,382	121,939	147,391	133,926	134,715	151,902
£20	96	6	4	4	4	4	4
£50	1,563	50	47	44	43	43	43
£100	2,615	55	50	49	47	47	47
£1,000	523	695	611	1,276	558	380	733
Held by Banks	13,009	52,223	54,935	52,072	43,327	43,680	54,740
.. .. Public	44,266	339,604	359,068	380,397	344,055	345,443	384,392
Total	57,275	391,827	414,003	432,469	387,382	389,132	439,132

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
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ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)

June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,554	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	1,656	3,010	1,140,997
1957 ..	422,184	411,569	144,608	142,401	62,693	38,759	1,894	3,302	1,227,410
Dec., 1956	406,044	400,434	140,773	137,586	61,067	38,193	1,763	3,090	1,188,950
March 1957	412,288	402,173	140,452	138,507	61,131	38,483	1,773	3,177	1,197,984
June, ..	422,184	411,569	144,608	142,401	62,693	38,759	1,894	3,302	1,227,410
Sept., ..	430,870	418,007	150,078	144,203	64,145	38,948	2,073	3,513	1,252,737
Oct., 1957	436,001	422,013	152,060	146,084	65,059	40,007	2,097	3,551	1,266,872
Nov., ..	436,209	423,179	151,982	146,229	65,106	39,830	2,090	3,626	1,268,251
Dec., ..	437,107	423,018	151,361	145,686	64,924	39,568	2,020	3,588	1,267,272

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
1956 ..	363,711	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,795
1957 ..	363,406	114,542	129,816	33,590	53,697	15,252	4,470		714,773
Dec., 1956	360,455	112,671	129,441	32,453	54,192	14,752	4,326		708,290
March 1957	359,474	112,605	127,298	32,575	53,017	14,852	4,343		704,164
June, ..	363,406	114,542	129,816	33,590	53,697	15,252	4,470		714,773
Sept., ..	365,092	115,852	132,815	34,212	53,919	15,672	4,707		722,269
Oct., 1957	367,497	116,716	134,003	34,652	54,449	15,745	4,745		727,807
Nov., ..	366,032	116,604	133,520	34,615	54,168	15,659	4,785		725,383
Dec., ..	364,567	116,462	132,536	34,476	53,709	15,533	4,671		721,954

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, etc. The net amount outstanding at the end of June, 1957, was £20,043,000.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1952-53 ..	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	339,316
1953-54 ..	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55 ..	187,471	176,147	52,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955-56 ..	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
1956-57 ..	219,368	195,455	62,743	42,685	28,571	12,609	1,229	562,660
Quarter ended—								
December, 1956 ..	226,150	196,127	64,536	43,308	29,145	12,992	1,131	573,389
March, 1957 ..	218,809	199,479	63,135	43,992	30,376	12,537	1,368	569,696
June, ..	231,949	209,349	64,639	45,068	28,055	13,170	1,374	593,604
September, ..	223,992	195,784	66,510	43,039	28,180	11,993	1,358	570,856
December, ..	241,139	221,051	69,358	46,017	32,336	13,198	1,470	624,569
Month of—								
October, 1957 ..	233,594	210,470	69,252	44,074	32,365	11,997	1,505	603,257
November, ..	237,864	212,549	66,350	45,617	31,896	12,647	1,364	608,287
December, ..	253,843	242,779	72,499	48,847	32,738	15,253	1,531	667,490

(a) Covers all cheque-paying banks and in addition the special departments of the Commonwealth Bank (Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments).

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3½
Other ..	4½	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	5	1.4.56	{ 4½
Over 20 years	(a) 6	1.4.56	{ 4½
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	5	9.4.56	4½
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5½ to 5½	29.3.56	4½ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans ..	5	9.4.56	4½
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies ..	5	1.4.56	4½
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(a) 6	1.4.56	4½
Local Government Authorities ..	5	1.4.56	4½
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(a) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies ..	6	1-21.5.56	5½
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4½
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	4½
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2½	15.3.56	1½
6 months	2½	15.3.56	1½
12 months	2½	15.3.56	1½
24 months	3½	4.12.56	3
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Ordinary Accounts (b)—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £500	2½	1.4.56	{ 2½
£501 to £1,000	{ 2½	1.4.56	{ 1½
£1,001 to £1,500	1½	1.4.56	1½
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £500	3	1.10.57	2½
£501 to £750	2½	1.4.56	{ 2½
£751 to £1,500	{ 2½	1.4.56	{ 1½
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500(c)	3	1.3.56	2½
£501 to £1,500	1½	1.3.57	Nil
Friendly and other Society Accounts—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £2,000	2½	1.4.56	2½
£2,001 and over	1½	1.4.56	1½
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £500	3	1.10.57	2½
£501 to £2,000	2½	1.4.56	2½
£2,001 and over	1½	1.4.56	1½
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1 to £500(c)	3	1.3.56	2½
£501 and over	1½	1.3.57	Nil

(a) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. payable on amounts in excess of the maximum amounts shown. (b) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of the maximum amounts shown. (c) Prior to the 1st March, 1957 the maximum amount on which interest was payable was £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—								C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.	Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales—Urban and Rural Securities. (c)				
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.		C'wealth. Trading Bank. (a)	Private Trading Banks.								
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.												
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(e) 3.67	(e) 3.84	5.4					
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	(f) 1.73	(g) 4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7					
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9					
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2					
1955-56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7					
1956-57 ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.29	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.71	5.06	6.6					
Month of—																
Dec., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.69	5.09	6.6	(i)				
March, 1957	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.70	5.03	6.6					
June, ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.62	5.04	6.7					
Sept., ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.44	4.98	6.9					
Oct., 1957	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.36	5.00	6.9					
Nov., ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.43	5.00	6.9					
Dec., ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(h) 6.00	(i) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.41	5.00	6.9					

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average of monthly quotations. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower, and since April, 1956, 1 per cent. lower than rates shown. (h) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (i) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Dec., 1956.	Dec., 1957.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.76	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.22	2.23
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.78	2.17	2.21	2.14	2.13	2.18
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.60	110.88	110.83	110.82	110.78
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.36	15.31	15.34	15.33	15.32
France ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	776.71	778.02	780.33	779.83	933.25
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.42	8.43	8.44	8.43	8.41
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.45	4.44	4.44	4.42	4.44
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.84	15.84	15.81	15.78	15.84
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	138.61	138.61	138.61	138.61	166.33
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1	15.41	11.51	11.48	11.45	11.45	11.47
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.71	9.70	9.71	9.72	9.73
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.84	18.78	18.80	18.80	18.81
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.73	22.72	22.72	22.72	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	23.57	22.72	22.72	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.81
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.42	35.27	35.28	35.35	35.27

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939..	..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132
1953-54	..	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556
1954-55	..	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,938	275,754	22,537
1955-56	..	297,558	334,717	210,607	32,657	367,374	168,591	110,273	277,099	23,755
1956-57	..	291,942	392,197	210,308	33,138	425,335	170,411	119,712	271,467	25,390
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	..	76,068	116,862	49,558	8,015	124,877	44,879	29,423	62,493	6,577
March, 1957	..	57,802	74,937	40,131	6,190	81,127	38,707	28,419	63,992	6,310
June, "	..	74,654	99,149	54,807	8,592	107,741	43,134	31,500	73,998	6,649
September, "	..	88,614	124,004	64,244	10,257	134,261	46,171	34,133	76,278	6,285
December, "	..	82,416	138,103	49,971	8,344	146,447	54,161	36,309	76,593	7,028
Month of—										
October, 1957	..	26,766	35,415	17,797	2,865	38,280	26,110	11,226	25,376	2,372
November, "	..	25,551	42,114	17,193	2,783	44,897	13,454	10,732	25,203	2,370
December, "	..	30,099	60,574	14,981	2,696	63,270	14,597	14,351	26,014	2,286

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, etc., and New Loans Granted.(a) (£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, etc., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939 ..	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1953-54	..	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184
1954-55	..	62,100	14,616	76,716	23,791	8,853	32,644
1955-56	..	69,426	14,734	84,160	27,159	9,511	36,670
1956-57	..	77,452	14,973	92,425	29,641	10,092	39,733
Quarter ended—							
December, 1956	18,438	4,174	22,612	7,375	2,428	9,803	16,091
March, 1957	17,796	3,236	21,032	7,052	2,277	9,329	12,707
June, "	21,744	3,834	25,578	7,481	2,682	10,163	15,841
September, "	22,106	3,905	26,011	8,737	3,127	11,864	14,010
December, "	21,271	4,148	25,419	8,576	2,695	11,271	17,176
Month of—							
October, 1957	7,154	1,351	8,505	2,725	937	3,662	5,700
November, "	6,459	1,349	7,808	2,732	994	3,726	4,969
December, "	7,658	1,448	9,106	3,119	764	3,883	6,507

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section VIII.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Six months ended December.	
				1956.	1957.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	87,508	68,597	36,440	35,584
Excise	16,472	168,264	217,440	108,401	118,626
Sales Tax	9,308	110,001	125,752	59,996	65,757
Flour Tax(a)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	..	1	1	11
Income Taxes(b)	11,883	573,988	620,298	141,454	140,706
Pay-roll Tax .. .. ..	..	45,543	48,675	24,042	24,604
Estate Duty	1,915	10,120	12,712	5,788	7,357
Gift Duty .. .. ..	..	1,820	1,940	899	1,170
Entertainments Tax .. .. ..	..	-1	..	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(a)	(c) 74	851	979	450	657
Wheat Export Charge(a) .. .. ..	..	4,294	..	..	116
Other Export Charges(a) .. .. ..	..	414	375	205	224
Stevedoring Industry Charge(a) .. .. ..	..	973	1,926	626	1,594
Tobacco Industry Charge(a) .. .. ..	..	5	41	29	44
Total, Taxation	74,111	1,003,780	1,098,736	378,331	396,450
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	79,841	90,074	42,861	47,154
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	2,545	2,887	1,459	1,473
Central Australia	138	1,937	1,390	664	786
North Australia	50	86	130	50	87
Australian Capital Territory	7	15	21	13	17
Total, Railways	526	4,583	4,428	2,186	2,368
Broadcasting and Television Services	(d)	3,897	5,301	2,367	3,314
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	87,821	99,803	47,414	52,836
TERRITORIES					
TERRITORIES	356	2,249	2,513	1,178	1,322
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	199	603	250	..
Defence	151	3,820	3,763	1,608	2,908
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. ..	..	30	..	..	..
Civil Aviation .. .. ..	..	6	1,159	1,262	339 409
Health .. .. ..	..	18	94	90	43 59
Attorney-General .. .. ..	..	111	408	452	213 239
Commerce and Agriculture .. .. ..	..	6	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport .. .. ..	..	152	329	914	613 313
Net Profit on Note Issue .. .. ..	..	767	7,866	10,054	4,708 5,667
Other	1,367	30,603	93,555	11,111	10,840
Total	2,706	44,508	110,783	18,885	20,441
Grand Total	95,065	1,138,358	1,311,835	445,808	471,049
PER HEAD OF POPULATION					
Taxation	10 13 9	107 15 0	115 4 8	39 18 3	40 18 3
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	9 8 7	10 9 4	5 0 0	5 9 1
Other	0 8 10	5 0 5	11 17 8	2 2 4	2 4 11
Total	13 14 2	122 4 0	137 11 8	47 0 7	48 12 3

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Six months ended December.	
				1956.	1957.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services..	5,916	80,888	89,343	49,792	49,758
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i. (a) ..	3,839	8,799	9,827	7,954	9,880
Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve ..	..	61,613	194,793	..	..
Capital Works and Services, n.e.i. ..	634	61,390	62,935	28,548	33,891
National Welfare and Social Services (b) ..	16,428	214,866	223,923	108,780	118,340
Subsidies and Bounties ..	236	17,393	15,014	6,924	6,696
Defence Services ..	8,928	190,716	188,497	90,036	78,345
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption (a) ..	9,665	59,813	58,524	28,150	26,632
War Pensions ..	8,227	47,307	(c) 36,762	24,756	28,990
Other Services ..	1,365	17,367	17,010	10,268	9,021
Total, War and Repatriation Services ..	19,257	124,487	112,296	63,174	64,643
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption (a) ..	2,887	2,323	2,034	1,017	901
Capital Works and Services ..	3,851	28,970	30,721	15,726	17,578
Other	11,991	83,304	89,163	43,369	48,256
Total, Postmaster-General's Department ..	18,729	114,597	121,918	60,112	66,735
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption (a) ..	530	560	565	282	285
Capital Works and Services ..	142	2,674	3,423	1,807	1,148
Other	801	3,161	3,679	1,887	1,900
Total, Railways ..	1,473	6,395	7,667	3,476	3,333
Broadcasting and Television Services—					
Capital Works and Services ..	..	817	2,697	942	743
Other .. ..	..	5,590	6,701	3,228	4,916
Total, Broadcasting and Television Services ..	(d)	6,407	9,398	4,170	5,659
Total, Business Undertakings ..	20,202	127,399	138,983	67,758	75,727
Territories—					
Interest and Debt Redemption (a) ..	376	366	368	188	189
Capital Works and Services ..	739	8,049	8,027	3,497	5,193
Other—					
Northern Territory ..	323	3,195	3,729	1,683	2,110
Australian Capital Territory ..	349	2,385	2,783	1,245	1,517
Papua-New Guinea ..	47	8,615	9,573	4,590	5,368
Norfolk Island ..	5	30	37	11	17
Cocos Island ..	..	12	20	6	12
Total, Territories ..	1,839	22,652	24,537	11,220	14,406
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792	3,792
Redemption of States' Debts ..	1,478	4,310	4,640	2,343	2,522
Special Grants ..	2,020	18,500	18,500	9,241	10,031
Grants for Road Construction, etc., purposes ..	4,266	27,469	32,218	16,196	14,983
Tax Reimbursement Grants ..	..	141,578	154,622	61,860	66,342
State Grants—Special Assistance ..	..	15,348	19,405	7,764	9,660
Tuberculosis Act—Re-imbursement of Capital Expenditure ..	..	1,758	2,381	650	746
Mental Institutions—Contributions to Capital Expenditure ..	..	773	1,248	200	449
Other	320	3,221	3,478	1,649	1,736
Total, Payments to or for the States ..	15,669	220,542	244,077	103,695	110,261
Other Expenditure ..	2,717	7,663	7,610	3,792	4,649
GRAND TOTAL ..	95,065	1,138,358	1,311,835	535,673	566,596
PER HEAD OF POPULATION ..	£ 13 14 2	£ 120 15 5	£ 137 11 8	£ 56 10 2	£ 58 9 5

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) For expenditure on Social Services see page 86. (c) In addition £13,399,000 was spent from balance of War Pensions Trust Fund. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.
(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Total to 30th June, 1957.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	4,199	4,039	7,622	8,019	1,648,389
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 806	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 1	Cr. 6	40,521
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes (a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	Cr. 7	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 5	Cr. 3	13,744
Territories (b)	..	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	Cr. 3	Cr. 3	8,713
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	37,200	29,150	33,200	32,150	272,709
Other	1,896	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage	..	..	..	3,182	Cr. 60	3,122
Loan (Qantas Empire Airways Limited)	..	..	..	..	3,800	3,800
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, etc.	3,594	37,187	29,143	36,373	35,980	389,950
International Bank Dollar Loans (c)	..	21,468	23,575	19,369	5,367	115,589
Swiss Loans (d)	..	5,792	5,930	..	..	11,722
Canadian Loan (e)	..	..	..	6,459	..	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	68,646	62,087	69,823	49,366	2,545,079

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (e) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC. (a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.		
			Commonwealth.		States.				
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.					
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%			
1952—March ..	50,533	19,149	1,787	15,862	2, 3½	1955, 1962-65			
November ..	20,000	26,025	2,459	17,810	4½	1961			
1953—March ..	29,789	20,841	91	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(b) 1955, 1962		
September ..	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	..	1955, 1966		
1954—March ..	35,000	24,980	..	65	52,000	..	(c) 1957, 1967		
August ..	37,594	26,840	..	Cr. 7	46,505	..	(c) 1957, 1967		
November ..	50,106	18,386	..	..	37,159	..	(d) 1957, 1968
1955—March ..	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,095	..	(e) 1957, 1968		
August ..	35,000	23,630	..	4	39,627	..	(f) 1956, 1965, 1970		
November ..	30,000	11,653	..	17	28,032	..	(f) 1956, 1965, 1970		
1956—May ..	30,000	20,729	..	34	33,000	3½, 5	(b) 1957, (b) 1963		
August ..	30,000	14,860	..	23	31,432	..	(f) 1957, (f) 1963, 1976		
October ..	29,184	9,230	..	5	30,092	4, 5	(b) 1957, 1965, 1976		
1957—March ..	35,000	15,085	..	32	36,270	4, 5	1958, 1965, 1976		
August ..	30,000	17,942	..	..	31,400	4, 5	(e) 1959, 1965, 1976
November ..	30,000	10,548	..	..	32,550	4, 5	(g) 1960, 1967, 1973

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99 10s. (c) Price of issue: £98 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 15s. (e) Price of issue: £99 5s. (f) Price of issue: £99 15s. (g) Price of issue: £99.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1957, see page 85.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
INDIVIDUALS—1955-56.(a)

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contri- bu- tion Assessed.
			Salary and Wages.	Other Income.	Total.	
£ £	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200	164,808	25,561	20,623	3,981	24,604	214
201- 300	216,963	54,614	43,014	8,107	51,121	965
301- 400	248,479	87,288	67,189	12,799	79,988	2,521
401- 500	280,227	126,709	95,088	18,759	113,847	4,984
501- 600	322,109	176,936	132,756	23,596	156,352	8,521
601- 700	314,943	205,381	144,319	27,583	171,902	10,737
701- 800	406,000	305,215	212,737	31,015	243,752	16,723
801- 900	417,227	354,658	245,737	32,457	278,194	21,140
901- 1,000	343,406	325,540	221,228	32,331	253,559	21,132
1,001- 1,100	257,924	270,098	177,520	30,942	208,462	18,807
1,101- 1,200	174,712	200,414	124,942	29,229	154,171	15,032
1,201- 1,300	118,569	147,878	87,357	27,378	114,735	12,084
1,301- 1,400	79,891	107,618	58,936	25,069	84,005	9,473
1,401- 1,500	56,835	82,264	41,072	23,563	64,635	7,787
1,501- 2,000	134,831	229,309	89,257	95,844	185,101	26,067
2,001- 3,000	79,743	191,412	41,817	120,738	162,555	30,953
3,001- 4,000	28,800	98,899	15,843	71,216	87,059	21,499
4,001- 5,000	13,592	60,428	9,093	45,098	54,191	15,799
5,001-10,000	17,428	115,005	15,767	89,015	104,782	39,381
10,001-15,000	2,592	30,764	3,810	24,499	28,309	13,441
15,001 and over	1,471	36,076	3,314	27,922	31,236	17,469
Total Residents	3,680,550	3,232,067	1,851,419	801,141	2,652,560	314,734
Central Office	12,869	39,311	5,709	28,982	34,691	12,323
New South Wales	1,381,788	1,220,194	737,416	266,861	1,004,277	117,501
Victoria	1,069,979	936,299	547,813	227,485	775,298	89,807
Queensland	499,496	420,245	214,788	121,481	336,269	39,174
South Australia	333,409	293,754	159,382	82,547	241,929	27,638
Western Australia	248,039	209,591	118,006	51,714	169,720	18,864
Tasmania	113,634	92,946	54,937	19,500	74,437	7,579
Northern Territory	6,050	6,059	3,967	870	4,837	556
Australian Capital Territory	14,386	13,668	9,401	1,701	11,102	1,292
Total Residents	3,680,550	3,232,067	1,851,419	801,141	2,652,560	314,734
Total Non-Residents	5,094	6,598	620	5,444	6,064	1,293
Grand Total	3,685,644	3,238,665	1,852,039	806,585	2,658,624	316,027

(a) Assessed on income for year 1954-55.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies, 1955-56.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed.(b)
£ £		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000 ..	9,600	7,503	3,260	663
1,001- 5,000 ..	10,422	31,728	27,473	5,525
5,001- 10,000 ..	4,311	31,686	30,579	6,980
10,001- 20,000 ..	2,945	42,161	41,077	10,601
20,001- 50,000 ..	2,166	70,504	67,782	18,749
50,001- 100,000 ..	916	64,400	63,150	18,044
100,001- 200,000 ..	518	73,904	71,020	20,620
200,001- 500,000 ..	303	93,873	91,941	26,662
500,001-1,000,000 ..	70	51,638	47,169	14,751
1,000,001 and over ..	73	191,529	173,984	52,402
Total ..	31,324	658,986	617,435	174,997
Central Office ..	3,037	332,599	301,737	89,080
New South Wales ..	12,652	135,931	132,672	35,815
Victoria ..	8,433	95,564	92,997	25,049
Queensland ..	2,158	33,383	31,731	9,368
South Australia ..	2,905	32,849	32,071	8,114
Western Australia ..	1,280	18,628	16,448	4,772
Tasmania ..	687	8,978	8,851	2,638
Northern Territory ..	35	241	184	44
Australian Capital Territory ..	137	813	744	117
Total ..	31,324	658,986	617,435	174,997

(a) Assessed on income for year 1954-55.

(b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed income of private companies £3,654,000.

Commonwealth Gift Duty, 1954-55.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.	Number of Assessments.(a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £		£'000.	£'000.
1 - 1,000 ..	815	282	9
1,001 - 2,000 ..	229	361	13
2,001 - 3,000 ..	1,094	2,787	83
3,001 - 4,000 ..	670	2,381	74
4,001 - 5,000 ..	463	2,121	65
5,001 - 10,000 ..	1,243	9,257	291
10,001 - 20,000 ..	519	7,236	332
20,001 - 50,000 ..	189	5,619	486
50,001 and over ..	21	1,342	207
Total ..	5,243	31,386	1,560

(a) Number of assessments assessed during 1954-55.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1954-55.

Grade of Value of Estate,				Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£				£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1,001- 2,000	..	..	..	777	1,336	306	9
2,001- 3,000	..	..	..	1,415	4,152	909	28
3,001- 4,000	..	..	..	1,255	5,111	1,823	54
4,001- 5,000	..	..	..	849	4,489	2,065	62
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	4,261	34,074	17,222	512
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	2,550	41,056	32,308	1,326
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	1,455	52,049	43,040	3,547
50,001 and over	..	..	..	316	34,586	25,754	4,772
Total	..	..	..	12,878	176,853	123,427	10,310

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1954-55.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.										Sales Tax Payable.	
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.		
1952-53..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	..	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
1955-56..	2,655,639	..	159,157	405,029	185,102	..	15,431	34,055	..	..	..	798,774	111,469
1956-57..	2,798,078	..	148,874	330,963	107,605	..	72,715	115,093	..	..	..	781,250	127,649
Quarter— 1956—													
Sept..	677,378	..	36,280	83,512	27,162	..	16,912	27,207	..	..	..	191,073	30,984
Dec..	749,714	..	44,220	96,099	28,802	..	21,988	30,419	..	..	..	221,528	35,857
1957—													
Mar..	667,489	..	33,578	79,951	24,751	..	15,378	26,714	..	..	..	180,372	29,836
June..	703,497	..	34,796	77,401	26,890	..	18,437	30,753	..	..	..	188,277	31,472
Sept..	725,458	11,449	26,395	87,196	27,141	..	21,577	30,337	..	..	..	204,095	33,512
Month— 1957—													
July..	235,288	..	11,798	27,961	8,483	..	6,962	9,386	..	..	..	64,589	10,645
Aug..	235,351	..	12,643	28,664	8,210	..	7,100	6,814	..	..	..	63,431	10,035
Sept..	254,819	11,449	1,954	30,571	10,448	..	7,515	14,137	..	..	..	76,074	12,832

STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£'000.)

Item and Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
REVENUE.							
1956-57.							
Taxation(b)	30,323	25,433	10,199	9,311	(c) 4,665	4,030	83,961
Railways	(d) 78,689	37,464	35,583	(d) 13,377	14,374	..	179,485
Tramways and Omni-buses	14,260	..	..	..	1,007	..	15,267
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,887	6,929	..	6,107	3,676	..	19,601
Land	5,926	2,701	4,452	527	1,216	441	15,263
Interest n.e.i.	1,280	5,081	2,294	4,611	2,100	3,287	18,653
Commonwealth Grants e	68,186	48,181	28,678	(f) 22,547	(f) 23,380	(f) 9,791	200,768
Commonwealth National Welfare Fund Payments	5,366	850	617	623	477	262	8,195
All other sources	16,912	6,615	3,335	4,458	3,436	990	35,746
Total Revenue 1956-57 ..	223,829	133,254	85,158	61,561	54,331	(g) 18,801	576,934
Total Revenue per head ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1955-56	62 7 8	50 9 6	61 13 9	71 9 4	79 7 5	57 12 11	60 17 1
1954-55	204,399	123,152	75,669	55,352	49,612	(g) 17,827	526,011
1953-54	195,438	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	(g) 14,495	495,296
1952-53	188,692	106,748	69,606	48,376	43,506	(g) 13,285	470,303
1938-39	182,848	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(g) 12,061	438,051

EXPENDITURE.

1956-57.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	26,003	21,080	11,959	13,153	8,893	5,605	86,693
Railways ..	70,898	37,154	36,738	14,982	16,934	..	176,706
Tramways and Omni- buses ..	13,981	..	..	..	1,234	..	15,215
Other Business and In- dustrial Undertakings	2,065	4,628	..	4,414	4,500	(h) 1,295	16,902
Education ..	37,835	26,007	11,351	8,165	8,062	4,267	95,687
Hospitals ..	21,768	16,938	8,141	5,064	4,508	1,785	58,204
Other Charities ..	4,003	4,303	2,340	998	1,252	711	13,607
All Other Expenditure	(d) 47,147	27,455	14,613	d 14,834	(i) 10,860	(i) 5,952	120,861
Total Expenditure 1956-57 ..	223,700	137,565	85,142	61,610	56,243	19,615	583,875
Total Expenditure per head ..	£ s. d. 62 6 11	£ s. d. 52 2 1	£ s. d. 61 13 6	£ s. d. 71 10 6	£ s. d. 82 3 4	£ s. d. 60 2 10	£ s. d. 61 11 9
1955-56 ..	211,232	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,443	(g) 17,712	540,959
1954-55 ..	197,586	115,453	73,002	50,918	46,554	(g) 14,707	498,320
1953-54 ..	188,564	106,037	69,333	46,566	43,699	(g) 13,270	467,489
1952-53 ..	182,751	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(g) 11,763	438,313
1938-39 ..	53,558	27,773	19,816	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) In addition to Consolidated Revenue Fund, includes Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers. To avoid duplication within the combined accounts, the following deductions have been made from expenditure—(i) £6,381,000 on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and (ii) £150,000 for contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramways and Omnibus services. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State 1956–57, see p. 84. (c) Gross collections. (d) To avoid duplication the following Treasury Transfers to Railway revenue have been excluded—New South Wales, £1,000,000; South Australia, £4,200,000. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Includes balance of Special Grant for 1954–55—South Australia, +£40,000; Western Australia, +£98,000; Tasmania, -£157,000. (g) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (h) Losses of Transport Commission and contribution to Metropolitan Transport Trust. (i) Includes reduction of previous years' deficits; South Australia, £40,000; Western Australia, £98,000; Tasmania, -£157,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1956-57.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	11,303	7,366	5,294	2,246	2,735	464	29,408
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	963	.	481	24		151	1,619
Roads and Bridges ..	159	699	Cr. 703	10	..		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	2,354	275	Cr. 37	1,003	475	654	4,889
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	2,746	7,197	2,151	4,991	3,098	152	20,335
Electricity Supply ..	10,487	3,400	.	4,973	2,100	6,634	27,594
Public Buildings ..	12,413	14,537	2,978	6,022	2,800	2,004	40,754
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 18	Cr. 16	.	.	.	.	Cr. 34
Housing ..	Cr. 23	314	1,385	2,204	1,359	92	5,331
Other(b) ..	557	532	4,000	60	160	196	5,505
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	1,177	1,899	451	15	41	Cr. 22	3,561
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	6,430	.	2,331	1,104	461	.	10,326
Other ..	427	915	2,264	823	633	250	5,312
Other purposes ..	.	1,331	.	21	2,392	Cr. 40	3,704
Total Works, etc. ..	48,975	38,449	20,114	23,953	16,278	10,535	158,304
Per Head	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Non-Works—	13 13 0	14 11 3	14 11 5	27 16 2	23 15 7	32 6 1	16 13 11
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	.	3,245	.	.	464	369	4,078
Other(d) ..	2,671	1,502	.	79	1,031	1,585	115
Grand Total	..	51,646	43,196	20,193	24,984	18,327	11,019
							169,365

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1957.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	272,209	142,053	111,661	57,329	61,173	14,733	659,158
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	20,238	.	.	8,104	1,946	444	30,732
Roads and Bridges ..	21,991	21,146	9,664	4,977	3,183		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, etc. ..	36,749	8,617	4,103	14,960	15,011	12,513	147,914
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	55,026	100,923	13,291	61,209	32,635	2,077	265,251
Electricity Supply ..	108,760	47,489	.	42,610	17,607	65,364	281,830
Public Buildings ..	99,732	88,177	29,613	24,496	18,920	15,024	275,962
Unemployment Relief ..	15,941	13,147	.	.	.	330	29,418
Housing ..	8,444	10,385	9,818	36,611	8,915	14,586	88,759
Other(b) ..	15,491	6,814	54,567	2,834	3,525	4,940	88,171
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement(c) ..	42,909	96,017	10,893	9,699	13,205	2,586	175,309
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	59,199	.	12,377	14,998	7,696	.	94,270
Other ..	18,867	21,026	27,635	16,448	17,810	2,971	104,757
Other purposes ..	189	23,239	.	5,380	19,858	2,364	51,030
Total Works, etc. ..	775,745	574,033	283,622	299,745	221,484	187,932	2,292,561
Non-Works—							
Revenue, etc., Deficits ..	38,948	18,701	5,826	8,683	12,797	4,016	88,971
Other(d) ..	30,580	11,979	16,171	4,494	7,727	2,138	73,089
Grand Total	..	845,273	604,713	305,619	312,922	144,086	2,454,621

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, etc. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, etc. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1957.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	619,791	112,081	10,824	742,696	23,640	3,638	418	27,696
Victoria ..	439,556	38,759	3,504	481,819	17,306	1,282	141	18,729
Queensland ..	221,617	43,449	4,254	269,320	8,393	1,442	161	9,996
South Australia ..	241,315	31,261	2,337	274,913	9,383	1,006	97	10,486
Western Australia ..	174,411	29,585	1,149	205,145	6,667	904	47	7,618
Tasmania ..	125,752	6,486	346	132,584	4,981	218	15	5,214
Total ..	1,822,442	261,621	22,414	2,106,477	70,370	8,490	879	79,739

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
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SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1956.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Grants ..	27,571	19,484	11,456	9,560	10,370	4,217	82,658	..	
Taxation ..	13,115	10,789	4,810	3,820	1,632	1,982	36,148	378,331	
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	39,759	17,888	18,829	6,666	7,391	..	90,533	2,186	
Other	8,383	257	..	2,948	2,315	..	13,903	45,228	
Other	11,187	5,657	4,494	4,078	3,126	2,151	30,693	20,063	
Total	100,015	54,075	39,589	27,072	24,834	8,350	253,935	445,808	609,282
Expenditure—									
Grants to States(c) ..									
Debt Services	12,383	10,195	5,662	6,027	4,390	2,708	41,365	103,695	37,591
Business Undertakings(d)—									
Railways	38,496	18,817	19,171	7,794	8,495 (e)	540	93,313	1,887	
Other	7,917	334	..	2,065	2,063 (f)	110	12,489	46,597	
Other	49,222	36,031	19,021	14,103	13,406	6,113	137,896	345,903	
Total	108,018	65,377	43,854	29,989	28,354	9,471	285,063	535,673	730,275
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	-8,003	-11,302	-4,265	-2,917	-3,520	-1,121	-31,128	-89,865	-120,993

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Grants ..	29,755	21,224	12,428	10,613	11,461	3,870	89,351	..	
Taxation ..	16,498	12,049	5,182	4,146	2,428	1,599	41,902	306,450	
Business Undertakings									
Railways	37,236	17,955	18,908	7,118	6,195	..	87,412	2,368	
Other	8,410	222	..	3,790	2,433	..	14,855	50,468	
Other	11,914	7,148	4,907	4,650	3,334	2,472	34,425	21,763	
Total	103,813	58,598	41,425	30,317	25,851	7,941	267,945	471,049	641,208
Expenditure—									
Grants to States(c) ..									
Debt Services	14,169	11,973	..	6,736	4,976	3,185	47,401	110,261	37,887
Business Undertakings(d)—									
Railways	36,931	18,778	18,680	7,902	8,231 (e)	704	91,226	1,900	
Other	7,878	345	..	2,545	2,084 (f)	90	12,942	53,172	
Other	51,560	38,453	21,010	14,513	13,931	6,093	145,560	363,376	
Total	110,538	69,549	46,052	31,696	29,222	10,072	297,129	566,596	765,939
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	-6,725	-10,951	-4,627	-1,379	-3,371	-2,131	-29,184	-95,547	-124,731

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—Included in the Annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, etc., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six Months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common-wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1956	23,226	14,718	9,598	10,750	7,677	4,078	70,047	10,648	80,695
1957	22,236	16,696	9,525	7,937	5,738	2,731	64,863	18,788	83,651

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1956-57. (a)

(£'000.)

State, etc.	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	10	..	3,348	10,891	9,904	12,108	2,903	4,031	43,195
Victoria ..	9	..	4,170	7,005	5,249	9,190	3,585	5,752	34,960
Queensland ..	2	..	1,428	2,914	2,994	5,718	301	2,309	15,666
South Australia ..	1	..	1,401	1,872	1,351	3,670	1,168	276	9,734
Western Australia ..	1	..	1,108	1,011	1,250	1,811	867	445	6,493
Tasmania ..	..	..	371	684	588	1,042	514	1,288	4,487
Total States ..	23	..	11,826	24,377	21,336	33,539	9,333	14,101	114,535
Commonwealth ..	620,298	286,037	1	12,712	..	..	..	b 179,688	1,098,736
Grand Total ..	620,321	286,037	11,827	37,089	21,336	33,539	9,333	193,789	1,213,271

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	..	0 18 8	3 0 8	2 15 2	3 7 6	0 16 2	1 2 6	12 0 9
Victoria ..	0 0 1	..	1 11 7	2 18 1	1 19 0	3 9 7	1 7 2	2 3 7	13 4 10
Queensland ..	..	..	1 0 8	2 2 3	2 3 5	4 2 10	0 4 4	1 12 11	11 6 5
South Australia ..	..	..	1 12 6	2 3 6	1 11 5	4 5 2	1 7 0	0 6 5	11 6 0
Western Australia ..	..	..	1 12 5	1 9 6	1 16 6	2 12 11	1 5 4	0 13 1	9 9 9
Tasmania ..	..	..	1 2 8	2 1 11	1 16 1	3 3 11	1 11 6	3 19 1	13 15 2
Total States ..	0 0 1	..	1 4 11	2 11 5	2 5 0	3 10 9	0 19 8	1 9 10	12 1 8
Commonwealth ..	65 1 1	30 0 0	..	1 6 8	..	..	..	b 18 16 11	115 4 8
Grand Total ..	65 1 2	30 0 0	1 4 10	3 17 9	2 4 9	3 10 4	0 19 7	20 6 6	127 4 11

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 75 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £125,752,000, £13 3s. 9d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £48,675,000, £5 2s. 1d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Income Taxes.	Customs and Excise.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	11,883	47,633	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1953-54 ..	528,181	220,217	95,889	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55 ..	532,916	244,403	100,446	59,848	937,613	89,486	1,027,099
1955-56 ..	573,988	255,772	110,001	64,019	1,003,780	97,900	1,101,680
1956-57 ..	620,298	286,037	125,752	66,649	1,098,736	114,535	1,213,271

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	1 14 3	6 17 5	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1953-54 ..	59 6 11	24 14 10	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55 ..	58 12 6	26 17 9	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 10
1955-56 ..	61 12 4	27 9 1	11 16 2	6 17 5	107 15 0	10 11 4	118 5 3
1956-57 ..	65 1 1	30 0 0	13 3 9	6 19 10	115 4 8	12 1 8	127 4 11

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1956-57.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	58,342	40,228	24,367	14,049	12,251	5,385	154,622
State Tax Collections ..	43,195	34,960	15,666	9,734	6,493	4,487	114,535
Total ..	101,537	75,188	40,033	23,783	18,744	9,872	269,157
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	28 5 11	28 9 7	28 19 5	27 12 2	27 7 8	30 5 5	28 7 10

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or payable.	At 30th June—					At 31st December, 1957.
		1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.		
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)							
Commonwealth—							
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	126,545	122,346	112,606	102,267	
	London £Stg. (a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534	
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,439,107	1,399,347	1,334,093	1,255,018	
	London £Stg.	..	5,725	5,725	5,725	5,655	
Works, etc. ..	Australia £A.	43,308	232,797	268,287	299,297	405,982	
	London £Stg.	72,097	49,036	48,796	48,711	48,601	
	New York £(b)	15,913	50,722	50,199	62,145	65,721	
	Switzerland £(c)	..	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	3,082	3,069	2,979	
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,798,449	1,789,980	1,745,996	1,763,267	
	London £Stg.	83,117	62,295	62,055	61,970	61,790	
	New York £(b)	15,913	50,722	50,199	62,145	65,721	
	Switzerland £(c)	..	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	3,082	3,069	2,979	
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,923,717	1,926,567	1,885,431	1,906,008	
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,515,483	1,651,242	1,822,442	1,889,496	
	London £Stg.	384,328	288,724	288,449	261,621	261,109	
	New York £(b)	28,265	21,520	22,336	22,414	22,271	
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,825,727	1,962,027	2,106,477	2,172,876	
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,813,982	3,441,222	3,568,438	3,652,763	
	London £Stg.	467,445	351,019	350,504	323,501	322,899	
	New York £(b)	44,178	72,242	81,553	84,559	87,992	
	Switzerland £(c)	..	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	3,082	3,069	2,979	
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,749,444	3,888,594	3,991,908	4,078,884	

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	360 3 8	365 0 4	370 1 1	374 14 7
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	38 3 0	37 3 7	33 11 2	33 2 6
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	7 17 0	8 18 0	8 15 4	9 0 7
	Switzerland £(c)	..	1 6 8	1 6 0	1 5 5	1 5 2
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	0 6 7	0 6 4	0 6 1
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	407 10 4	412 9 6	413 19 4	418 8 11

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	104,840	111,840	121,703	123,864
	London £Stg. (a)	18,366	11,363	11,387	10,693	10,670
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,937	3,420	3,633	3,800
	Switzerland £(c)	..	475	475	475	475
	Canada £(b) ..	..	..	116	123	119
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	119,615	127,238	136,627	138,928

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	3 3 3	3 5 0	3 8 3	1 7 10
	London (a) ..	3 18 7	3 4 9	3 5 0	3 6 1	3 6 1
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 4	4 3 11	4 5 11	4 6 4
	Switzerland ..	..	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	..	3 15 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	3 3 10	3 5 5	3 8 6	3 8 2

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 31st December, 1957.
		1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	225,000	190,000	160,000	185,000	150,000	251,000
	London £Stg. ..	720	470	220	..	..	..
State ..	Australia £A. ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,500
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	26,068	26,068	..	..
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000	150,000	259,500
	London £Stg. ..	23,588	23,338	26,288	26,068	..	..

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section IX.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.(a)

(£'000.)

Service.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	Six months ended December.	
					1956.	1957.
Social Services—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	81,293	88,006	101,625	100,210	54,534	59,262
Child Endowment	50,761	52,530	60,381	57,037	28,908	29,942
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	429	451	505	568	268	295
Funeral Benefits	288	304	319	341	194	177
Maternity Allowances	3,226	3,362	3,410	3,482	1,708	1,769
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits	4,543	2,640	2,563	4,000	1,694	2,960
Widows' Pensions	6,626	6,862	7,723	8,862	4,181	4,634
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits	8,330	9,321	9,553	9,813	4,931	4,685
Medical Benefits	1,434	4,210	5,413	6,146	2,984	3,543
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	2,115	2,516	2,874	2,999	1,535	1,655
Mental Institution Benefits	495	225	..	..	..	..
Nutrition of Children	1,999	2,237	2,405	2,607	1,055	1,134
Pharmaceutical Benefits	8,219	9,445	10,380	9,924	4,317	5,829
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	1,011	1,295	1,508	1,793	862	1,046
Tuberculosis Campaign	5,580	5,657	5,697	6,216	1,292	1,105
Miscellaneous	216	258	510	925	317	118
Total	176,565	189,319	214,866	223,923	108,780	118,334

(a) Includes only expenditure from the National Welfare Fund. Administration and capital expenditure are excluded.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.			Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(a)		
	Age.	Invalid.	Total. (b)	Age.	Inval- id.	Age.	Inval- id.	£'000.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1957—											
New South Wales ..	185,606	42,562	228,168	512	117	7 13 9	7 18 11	45,296	12 12 6	45,296	12 12 6
Victoria ..	118,788	19,207	137,995	444	72	7 11 10	7 14 7	26,773	10 2 10	26,773	10 2 10
Queensland ..	69,938	13,113	83,051	501	94	7 12 2	7 18 1	16,332	11 16 7	16,332	11 16 7
South Australia ..	43,645	5,373	49,018	500	62	7 12 9	7 17 0	9,622	11 3 5	9,622	11 3 5
Western Australia ..	32,192	5,039	37,231	465	73	7 12 2	7 15 10	7,254	10 11 11	7,254	10 11 11
Tasmania ..	14,847	2,812	17,659	453	86	7 12 6	8 1 10	3,698	11 6 9	3,698	11 6 9
Northern Territory ..	133	43	181	72	22	7 14 2	2 5 11	38	2 1 6	38	2 1 6
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	627	87	714	166	23	7 10 8	8 1 10	122	3 7 10	122	3 7 10
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	..	..	..	75	..	75	..
Australia ..	465,781	88,236	554,017	483	92	7 12 10	7 17 8	109,210	11 9 1	109,210	11 9 1
1956	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13 7	7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2	101,625	10 18 2
1955	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7	7 17 7	88,006	9 13 8	88,006	9 13 8
1954	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8	81,293	9 2 8
1953	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10	72,424	8 5 10

(a) Includes amounts paid to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Excludes the following numbers of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1953, 6,309; 1954, 6,463; 1955, 6,132; 1956, 6,244. 1957 figures include persons in benevolent homes. (c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE : Age pensions are payable to women over 60 years of age and to men over 65 years of age; invalid pensions are payable to persons who are permanently incapacitated for work or who are permanently blind. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1953, was £3 7s. 6d.; 1954 and 1955, £3 10s.; 1956, £4; 1957, £4 plus (if a person is permanently incapacitated or permanently blind) 10s. for each child after the first. Age and invalid pensions (except those paid to blind persons) are subject to a means test on income and property.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
1957—					£'000.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	518,942	1,081,141	1,432	2,984	20,759	5 15 9
Victoria ..	373,121	791,026	1,396	2,957	15,168	5 14 11
Queensland ..	199,689	453,717	1,430	3,248	8,836	6 8 0
South Australia ..	127,356	274,291	1,459	3,141	5,250	6 1 11
Western Australia	102,157	227,575	1,477	3,289	4,461	6 10 4
Tasmania ..	48,743	111,367	1,487	3,396	2,173	6 13 3
Northern Territory	2,705	5,881	1,411	3,068	164	8 18 3
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	5,297	11,717	1,399	3,094	217	6 0 4
Abroad ..	159	331	..	..	9	..
Australia ..	1,378,169	2,957,046	1,429	3,066	57,037	5 19 8
1956 ..	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,422	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955 ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1953 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11

(a) Excludes endowed children in institutions at 30th June, 1957, 21,145 in 397 institutions; 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions.

NOTE: The weekly rates of endowment are: 5s. for the first child in a family; 10s. for each other child in a family; 10s. for each child in an institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)				Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.		
	Class A Pensioners.(b)	Other Widows. (c)	All Widows.	Per 10,000 of Population.	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
1957—					£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	8,616	9,773	18,389	51	7 16 7	3,642	1 0 4
Victoria ..	4,619	6,260	10,879	41	7 13 4	2,036	15 5
Queensland ..	3,659	3,885	7,544	54	7 17 0	1,502	1 1 9
South Australia ..	1,689	2,094	3,783	43	7 13 10	735	17 1
Western Australia	1,237	2,006	3,243	47	7 7 10	612	17 11
Tasmania ..	772	704	1,476	45	7 19 1	303	18 7
Northern Territory	12	12	24	13	8 2 3	6	6 6
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	44	34	78	21	7 16 7	15	8 1
Abroad ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	..	..	10	..
Australia ..	20,648	24,768	45,416	47	7 15 1	8,862	18 7
1956 ..	19,511	23,419	42,930	46	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955 ..	18,683	22,864	41,547	45	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954 ..	18,100	22,626	40,726	45	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1953 ..	17,980	23,048	41,028	47	6 0 0	6,334	14 6

(a) Excludes seventeen (1955-56), fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54) and sixteen (1952-53) pensions in respect of pensioners in benevolent homes. 1956-57 figures include persons in benevolent homes.

(b) A widow who has at least one child under 16. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1953, was £3 12s. 6d.; 1954 and 1955, £3 15s.; 1956, £4 5s.; 1957, £4 5s. plus 10s. for each child after the first.

(c) A widow who is not less than 50, and is without children under 16; a widow without children who is in need, for not more than 26 weeks after the death of her husband, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; a woman whose husband has been in prison for six months, if she is not under 50, or if she has at least one child under 16. The maximum weekly rate of pension at the 30th June, 1953, was £2 15s.; 1954 and 1955, £2 17s. 6d.; 1956 and 1957, £3 7s. 6d.

(d) Included in the figures for the State in which the pensioner is permanently domiciled. Widows' pensions are subject to a means test on income and property.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1951-52..	(a) 72,688	52,144	30,737	(b) 17,380	15,074	7,626	(c)	(d)	73	195,722
1952-53..	(a) 74,011	55,297	31,058	(b) 19,068	15,535	7,983	(c)	(d)	90	208,042
1953-54..	(a) 72,380	54,219	30,889	(b) 18,749	15,803	7,726	(c)	(d)	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955-56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865
1956-57..	77,387	59,648	32,882	19,929	16,853	8,166	579	1,067	106	216,617

AMOUNT PAID. (£.)

1951-52..	a1,182,358	835,643	489,751	b 283,702	241,426	122,618	(c)	(d)	1,494	3,156,092
1952-53..	a1,195,046	872,085	496,982	b 305,264	248,925	128,125	(c)	(d)	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	a1,173,058	874,376	496,802	b 301,146	253,442	125,400	(c)	(d)	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955-56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408
1956-57..	1,251,911	948,575	582,563	319,188	271,128	131,000	9,117	17,056	1,668	3,482,206

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Included with South Australia. (d) Included with New South Wales.

NOTE.—Allowances payable are as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. The allowance is not subject to a means test.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.	
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.										
1951-52	..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53	..	2,686,297	923,732	682,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54	..	1,247,216	567,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589			2,505,463
1954-55	..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
1955-56	..	215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	(d) 671,820
1956-57	..	669,798	530,959	418,997	113,653	336,846	23,045	105	2,633	2,096,036
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	135,646	115,256	42,261	28,278	65,968	5,571	2	537	393,519	
March, 1957	170,087	152,739	204,705	32,742	97,235	4,480	51	998	662,967	
June,	240,312	158,344	142,314	29,711	78,771	8,598	34	474	658,558	
September,	335,341	229,976	100,930	53,049	113,645	26,288	23	571	859,823	
December,	334,082	229,095	234,594	71,248	114,937	33,482	100	855	1,018,393	

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1951-52	..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53	..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54	..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55	..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,863	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955-56	..	641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	(d) 671,978
1956-57	..	639,342	339,414	234,000	136,332	96,907	47,243	1,361	3,927	1,498,526
Quarter ended—										
December, 1956	147,159	78,965	61,160	32,007	20,323	11,605	209	903	352,331	
March, 1957	142,416	92,266	59,179	34,037	26,511	10,765	405	1,300	366,879	
June,	179,668	79,814	57,775	34,523	24,447	11,870	305	956	389,358	
September,	156,403	76,601	54,998	33,373	25,104	12,724	430	981	360,614	
December,	200,785	92,970	80,619	42,000	33,835	15,402	515	993	467,119	

(a) In addition £110,759 (Australian total) was paid in special benefits during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; £352,587 during 1954-55; £372,220 during 1955-56; and £404,866 during 1956-57; these amounts include payments to migrants in reception and training centres. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Does not include special variations of advances for payments in regional areas, made at the end of the year.

NOTE.—The rate of benefit per week is £3 5s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 7s. 6d. for dependent spouse and 10s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 15s. if under 18 years and £2 7s. 6d. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 7s. 6d. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 17th October, 1957. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. The permissible weekly income is £1 for an unmarried person under 21 and £2 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of seven days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
1957—								
New South Wales(a) ..	69,080	119,287	16,957	205,324	4 18 11	1 15 1	2 16 7	£'000. 15,298
Victoria ..	58,204	101,319	14,131	173,654	5 2 10	1 16 0	2 18 4	13,372
Queensland ..	26,470	51,000	5,218	82,688	5 10 8	1 10 11	2 16 6	6,107
South Australia(b) ..	19,902	40,634	4,203	64,739	5 1 0	1 9 11	2 11 9	4,309
Western Australia ..	18,053	33,132	3,802	54,987	4 10 0	1 10 5	2 10 0	3,584
Tasmania ..	8,259	16,919	1,573	26,751	5 16 9	1 11 7	2 17 11	2,027
Abroad ..	1,746	2,106	1,295	5,147	5 9 10	3 16 6	4 7 4	507
Total ..	201,714	364,397	47,179	618,290	5 1 10	1 13 11	2 16 3	45,204
1956 ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	5 0 3	1 13 11	2 16 0	43,166
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	41,504
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1952 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June paid to Members, and Dependents of Members, who are—					Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	Expenditure during Year ended 30th June.		
	Aged.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Total.				
		Members of Forces.	Dependants.						
1957—									
New South Wales(a) ..	5,175	3,429	3,547	558	868	13,577	£'000. 1,727		
Victoria ..	2,918	2,801	2,719	339	490	9,267	5 0 11 1,090		
Queensland ..	2,216	1,747	1,838	247	388	6,436	5 3 1 846		
South Australia(b) ..	1,123	1,050	1,100	101	173	3,552	5 3 11 477		
Western Australia ..	1,726	1,146	1,113	139	186	4,310	5 10 10 547		
Tasmania ..	384	621	757	65	108	1,935	4 9 0 220		
Australia ..	13,547	10,794	11,074	1,449	2,213	39,077	5 3 2 4,907		
1956 ..	11,881	9,733	10,001	1,266	1,894	34,775	5 3 10 4,140		
1955 ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9 3,012		
1954 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2 2,695		
1953 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6 2,225		
1952 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9 1,778		

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1956—

New South Wales(a)	..	2,614	16,724	510,848	457,901
Victoria..	..	2,039	12,194	336,343	306,345
Queensland ..	..	1,560	7,337	(b) 203,097	182,426
South Australia ..	..	662	4,670	(c) 133,235	123,837
Western Australia ..	..	488	3,507	100,632	94,469
Tasmania ..	..	277	2,331	55,578	51,768
Northern Territory ..	..	10	77	2,039	1,835
Australia ..	..	7,650	46,840	1,341,772	1,219,081
1955 ..	..	7,619	45,053	1,274,835	1,153,628
1954 ..	..	7,607	42,414	1,209,149	1,089,484
1953 ..	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952 ..	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951 ..	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950 ..	..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1956—

New South Wales(a)	..	789	6,369	167,035	155,732
Victoria..	..	521	3,920	135,170	(e) 121,700
Queensland ..	..	286	2,121	58,579	53,685
South Australia ..	..	163	1,268	29,050	26,794
Western Australia ..	..	275	1,094	31,761	29,920
Tasmania ..	..	52	422	10,757	7,988
Northern Territory ..	..	2	11	633	470
Australia ..	..	2,088	15,205	432,985	(e) 396,300
1955 ..	..	2,051	14,768	408,038	(e) 375,000
1954 ..	..	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953 ..	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952 ..	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951 ..	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950 ..	..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolment at 1st August, 1956.
daily enrolment. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(c) Average
(e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (a)	Total Expenditure. (a)
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
1956—						
Sydney	473	379	7,885	1,192	2,789,743	2,743,551
Melbourne	423	155	7,588	1,106	2,568,618	2,960,940
Queensland	286	216	5,329	407	1,324,894	1,239,436
Adelaide	207	159	4,281	367	1,134,185	1,232,764
Western Australia	124	77	2,215	173	1,060,643	847,326
Tasmania	81	13	890	112	399,610	406,929
N.S.W. University of Technology	417	395	4,906	144	2,201,423	2,211,166
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	93	24	937	59	637,900	621,367
Canberra University College	45	22	360	(b)	148,847	154,381
Australia	2,149	1,440	34,391	3,560	12,265,863	12,417,860
1955	1,918	1,459	30,792	3,429	11,605,893	10,471,966
1954	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346

(a) Includes capital items.

(b) Included with Melbourne.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a post-graduate research university), had in 1956 a full-time research staff of 111, a part-time research staff of 2, and 74 post-graduate scholars. In 1956, its income was £1,604,814, its expenditure was £1,622,009, and it conferred 12 degrees.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners.
1956—			
New South Wales	(a) 4,927	16	2,860
Victoria (a)	3,392	12	1,564
Queensland	2,422	7	612
South Australia	1,131	16	457
Western Australia	971	19	482
Tasmania	481	(b) 1	149
Northern Territory	67	2	21
Australian Capital Territory	(a) 60	..	..
Australia	13,451	73	6,145
1955	12,924	74	5,125
1954	12,633	72	4,883
1953	12,702	71	4,831
1952	12,593	70	4,765

NOTE.—All figures relate to the 30th June, except those marked (a) which relate to 31st December.

(b) Includes Hayes Farm Gaol, previously shown as a separate institution.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos-pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expendi-ture. (c)
			Medical.	Nursing.			
1955-56—							
New South Wales ..	264	20,200	4,194	11,035	414,132	£'000. 26,943	£'000. 27,746
Victoria ..	126	11,819	1,915	7,671	222,986	18,796	19,824
Queensland ..	140	10,705	761	4,563	200,369	11,571	12,230
South Australia ..	65	3,617	575	2,062	69,295	5,851	5,918
Western Australia ..	95	4,291	416	2,376	81,271	5,472	5,421
Tasmania ..	26	2,300	191	1,153	32,903	1,958	2,408
Northern Territory ..	4	368	13	97	6,224	469	469
Aust. Cap. Territory	1	250	38	113	5,488	276	276
Australia ..	721	53,550	8,103	29,070	1,032,668	71,336	74,292
1954-55	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,046,171	63,943	64,193
1953-54	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,885
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1955-56 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,077,618; Victoria, 514,423; Queensland, 583,061; South Australia, 109,196; Western Australia, 121,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 111,008; Northern Territory, 63,530; and Australian Capital Territory, 7,661; Australia, 2,587,000 (estimated). (c) Up to and including 1954-55, finance figures exclude loan receipts and expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos-pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a)	Expendi-ture.
			Medical.	Nursing.			
1955-56—							
New South Wales ..	14	12,652	(b) 46	2,016	13,767	£'000. 318	£'000. 5,147
Victoria(c) ..	13	7,517	77	2,070	8,713	(d) 35	(d) 6,049
Queensland(e) ..	5	4,787	13	1,003	4,735	79	1,852
South Australia ..	2	2,668	13	440	2,658	82	1,073
Western Australia(c) ..	4	1,655	8	311	1,814	(d) 43	(d) 741
Tasmania ..	1	810	4	190	766	10	441
Australia ..	39	30,089	161	6,030	32,453	567	15,303
1954-55	37	29,690	144	5,748	31,223	654	13,189
1953-54	34	29,244	140	5,541	30,798	889	11,681
1952-53	34	29,069	159	5,276	30,474	867	10,714
1951-52	33	27,768	145	5,164	29,769	861	8,749

(a) Excludes grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (c) Year 1956. (d) Year 1955-56. (e) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)

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Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Au- thor- ties. (b)	Private Em- ployers. (c)	Total. (c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fact- ories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Com- mu- ni- cation.	Retail Trade. (d)	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.	Pro- fes- sional and Per- sonal Ser- vices. (e)
1955—June	599.1	1,450.4	2,049.5	58.3	763.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1956—June	604.9	1,476.8	2,081.7	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1957—June	609.5	1,475.2	2,084.7	56.3	780.6	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	193.0
1956—July	605.7	1,472.3	2,078.0	57.2	776.0	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0	187.6
Aug.	605.7	1,471.1	2,076.8	57.5	775.0	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3	187.7
Sept.	604.0	1,471.9	2,075.9	57.5	773.9	212.4	311.0	128.7	212.9	188.4
Oct.	601.6	1,474.5	2,076.1	57.5	774.9	211.0	311.2	129.2	212.2	189.5
Nov.	602.6	1,483.0	2,085.6	57.3	777.6	212.0	311.7	131.9	214.1	190.5
Dec.	602.5	1,477.7	2,080.2	57.2	772.9	210.2	310.2	134.8	214.1	190.3
1957—July	609.6	1,470.9	2,080.5	56.1	779.3	206.7	312.0	129.6	212.6	193.1
Aug.	608.1	1,468.3	2,076.4	55.1	778.2	204.4	311.1	129.5	213.4	193.4
Sept.	607.9	1,472.2	2,080.1	54.5	780.9	203.4	310.5	130.0	215.4	193.8
Oct.	608.9	1,472.2	2,081.1	54.3	782.6	202.1	309.2	130.8	216.3	193.9
Nov.	608.0	1,472.2	2,080.2	53.9	782.8	199.4	307.3	134.0	216.6	194.0
Dec.	609.0	1,470.4	2,079.4	53.6	779.9	197.1	307.9	136.2	216.9	195.0

MALES.

1955—June	599.1	1,450.4	2,049.5	58.3	763.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1956—June	604.9	1,476.8	2,081.7	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1957—June	609.5	1,475.2	2,084.7	56.3	780.6	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	193.0
1956—July	605.7	1,472.3	2,078.0	57.2	776.0	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0	187.6
Aug.	605.7	1,471.1	2,076.8	57.5	775.0	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3	187.7
Sept.	604.0	1,471.9	2,075.9	57.5	773.9	212.4	311.0	128.7	212.9	188.4
Oct.	601.6	1,474.5	2,076.1	57.5	774.9	211.0	311.2	129.2	212.2	189.5
Nov.	602.6	1,483.0	2,085.6	57.3	777.6	212.0	311.7	131.9	214.1	190.5
Dec.	602.5	1,477.7	2,080.2	57.2	772.9	210.2	310.2	134.8	214.1	190.3
1957—July	609.6	1,470.9	2,080.5	56.1	779.3	206.7	312.0	129.6	212.6	193.1
Aug.	608.1	1,468.3	2,076.4	55.1	778.2	204.4	311.1	129.5	213.4	193.4
Sept.	607.9	1,472.2	2,080.1	54.5	780.9	203.4	310.5	130.0	215.4	193.8
Oct.	608.9	1,472.2	2,081.1	54.3	782.6	202.1	309.2	130.8	216.3	193.9
Nov.	608.0	1,472.2	2,080.2	53.9	782.8	199.4	307.3	134.0	216.6	194.0
Dec.	609.0	1,470.4	2,079.4	53.6	779.9	197.1	307.9	136.2	216.9	195.0

FEMALES.

1955—June	122.8	628.9	751.7	1.1	238.5	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1956—June	120.8	643.3	773.1	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1957—June	123.2	647.4	780.2	1.2	243.4	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3	241.8
1956—July	130.8	641.5	772.3	1.2	241.4	5.1	40.2	122.4	87.8	236.9
Aug.	130.6	640.8	771.4	1.2	241.4	5.1	40.1	121.0	87.9	237.4
Sept.	129.9	643.6	773.5	1.2	243.7	5.1	40.0	121.1	87.7	237.7
Oct.	129.3	648.6	777.9	1.2	245.7	5.1	40.1	122.2	87.9	238.9
Nov.	129.6	654.1	783.7	1.2	245.6	5.2	40.7	126.5	88.0	239.9
Dec.	128.4	653.3	781.7	1.2	242.7	5.2	39.9	130.0	88.0	238.2
1957—July	133.7	646.0	779.7	1.2	242.5	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.1	241.8
Aug.	133.6	646.5	780.1	1.2	242.7	5.3	40.0	121.0	90.1	242.3
Sept.	133.2	649.3	782.5	1.2	243.5	5.3	40.0	122.1	90.3	242.8
Oct.	133.0	653.1	786.1	1.2	245.3	5.3	39.9	123.9	90.3	243.0
Nov.	133.1	659.7	792.8	1.2	245.6	5.3	40.2	129.9	90.4	243.0
Dec.	132.1	659.5	791.6	1.1	244.0	5.3	39.6	131.2	90.5	242.8

PERSONS.

1955—June	721.9	2,079.3	2,801.2	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1956—June	734.7	2,120.1	2,854.8	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1957—June	742.3	2,122.6	2,864.9	57.5	1,024.0	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3	434.8
1956—July	736.5	2,113.8	2,850.3	58.4	1,017.4	219.1	351.2	251.9	298.8	424.5
Aug.	736.3	2,111.9	2,848.2	58.7	1,016.4	217.8	352.3	250.0	299.2	425.1
Sept.	733.9	2,115.5	2,849.4	58.7	1,017.6	217.5	351.0	249.8	300.6	426.1
Oct.	730.9	2,123.1	2,854.0	58.7	1,020.6	216.1	351.3	251.4	300.1	428.4
Nov.	732.2	2,127.1	2,869.3	58.5	1,023.2	217.2	352.4	258.4	302.1	430.4
Dec.	730.9	2,131.0	2,861.9	58.4	1,015.6	215.4	350.1	264.8	302.1	428.5
1957—July	743.3	2,116.9	2,860.2	57.3	1,021.8	212.0	352.1	250.9	302.7	434.9
Aug.	741.7	2,114.8	2,856.5	56.3	1,020.9	209.7	351.1	250.5	303.5	435.7
Sept.	741.1	2,121.5	2,862.6	55.7	1,024.4	208.7	350.5	252.1	305.7	436.6
Oct.	741.9	2,125.3	2,867.2	55.5	1,027.9	207.4	349.1	254.7	306.6	426.9
Nov.	741.1	2,131.9	2,873.0	55.1	1,028.4	204.7	347.5	263.9	307.0	437.0
Dec.	741.1	2,129.9	2,871.0	54.7	1,023.9	202.4	347.5	267.4	307.4	437.8

(a) Excludes members of the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. Figures are subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) New series; see note (a) to Table on page 95 relating to Employment in Factories. (d) Payroll series. (e) Includes employees in Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)(b)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1953—June ..	745.2	536.8	259.8	171.3	133.5	62.3	4.6	8.5	1,922.0
1954—June ..	771.3	556.8	269.6	176.8	139.1	63.6	4.9	8.2	1,990.3
1955—June ..	794.2	576.2	278.2	180.8	141.5	65.1	4.8	8.7	2,049.5
1956—June ..	808.5	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.0	8.5	2,081.7
1957—June ..	810.1	585.8	283.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.5	8.9	2,084.7
1956—July ..	805.5	582.4	285.0	187.0	139.3	65.3	5.1	8.4	2,078.0
Aug. ..	805.9	581.4	285.4	185.9	139.4	65.3	5.1	8.4	2,076.8
Sept. ..	806.3	580.0	285.2	186.0	139.3	65.5	5.1	8.5	2,075.9
Oct. ..	805.7	580.8	285.6	185.7	139.3	65.3	5.2	8.5	2,076.1
Nov. ..	810.7	584.6	285.7	186.0	139.4	65.4	5.2	8.6	2,085.6
Dec. ..	811.1	585.6	280.5	185.8	139.2	66.1	5.2	8.7	2,080.2
1957—July ..	809.0	585.1	282.8	185.5	138.0	65.6	5.5	9.0	2,080.5
Aug. ..	806.6	584.3	281.8	185.7	138.1	65.3	5.5	9.1	2,076.4
Sept. ..	809.3	585.4	281.0	185.9	138.4	65.3	5.5	9.3	2,080.1
Oct. ..	810.4	586.7	279.6	185.4	138.7	65.5	5.5	9.3	2,081.1
Nov. ..	810.3	587.6	277.6	185.2	139.2	65.5	5.4	9.4	2,080.2
Dec. ..	811.3	589.1	273.4	185.5	138.9	66.2	5.5	9.5	2,079.4
FEMALES.									
1953—June ..	269.8	209.2	85.8	52.5	41.4	20.2	0.9	2.5	682.3
1954—June ..	284.3	222.1	88.6	56.6	43.4	21.2	0.9	2.6	719.7
1955—June ..	297.4	232.4	92.1	59.8	44.3	21.8	1.0	2.9	751.7
1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.1	3.1	773.1
1957—June ..	309.3	240.8	96.0	62.3	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.2	780.2
1956—July ..	305.5	238.1	94.2	62.7	45.0	22.7	1.1	3.0	772.3
Aug. ..	305.4	237.6	94.7	62.5	44.4	22.6	1.1	3.1	771.4
Sept. ..	306.6	238.9	94.8	62.2	44.6	22.2	1.1	3.1	773.5
Oct. ..	308.6	240.9	95.0	62.3	44.6	22.3	1.1	3.1	777.9
Nov. ..	311.4	242.6	95.4	62.8	44.8	22.4	1.2	3.1	783.7
Dec. ..	311.8	239.9	95.2	62.8	45.0	22.8	1.2	3.0	781.7
1957—July ..	309.1	240.4	95.9	62.5	44.8	22.6	1.2	3.2	779.7
Aug. ..	309.8	239.7	96.3	62.4	44.9	22.6	1.2	3.2	780.1
Sept. ..	311.9	239.5	96.3	62.8	45.2	22.3	1.2	3.3	782.5
Oct. ..	314.2	241.0	96.2	62.7	45.3	22.2	1.2	3.3	786.1
Nov. ..	317.9	243.0	96.1	63.3	45.8	22.2	1.2	3.3	792.8
Dec. ..	317.4	241.9	95.6	63.2	46.1	22.9	1.2	3.3	791.6
PERSONS.									
1953—June ..	1,015.0	746.0	345.6	223.8	174.9	82.5	5.5	11.0	2,604.3
1954—June ..	1,055.6	778.9	358.2	233.4	182.5	84.8	5.8	10.8	2,710.0
1955—June ..	1,091.6	808.6	370.3	240.6	185.8	86.9	5.8	11.6	2,801.2
1956—June ..	1,114.4	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.1	11.6	2,854.8
1957—June ..	1,119.4	826.6	379.6	248.7	182.9	88.9	6.7	12.1	2,864.9
1956—July ..	1,111.0	820.5	379.2	249.7	184.3	88.0	6.2	11.4	2,850.3
Aug. ..	1,111.3	819.0	380.1	248.4	183.8	87.9	6.2	11.5	2,848.2
Sept. ..	1,112.9	818.9	380.0	248.2	183.9	87.7	6.2	11.6	2,849.4
Oct. ..	1,114.3	821.7	380.6	248.0	183.9	87.6	6.3	11.6	2,854.0
Nov. ..	1,122.1	827.2	381.1	248.8	184.2	87.8	6.4	11.7	2,869.3
Dec. ..	1,122.9	823.5	375.7	248.6	184.2	88.9	6.4	11.7	2,861.9
1957—July ..	1,118.1	825.5	378.7	248.0	182.8	88.2	6.7	12.2	2,860.2
Aug. ..	1,116.4	824.0	378.1	248.1	183.0	87.9	6.7	12.3	2,856.5
Sept. ..	1,121.2	824.9	377.3	248.7	183.6	87.6	6.7	12.6	2,862.6
Oct. ..	1,124.6	827.7	375.8	248.1	184.0	87.7	6.7	12.6	2,867.2
Nov. ..	1,128.2	830.6	373.7	248.5	185.0	87.7	6.6	12.7	2,873.0
Dec. ..	1,128.7	831.0	369.0	248.7	185.0	89.1	6.7	12.8	2,871.0

(a) New series; see note (a) to Table on page 95 relating to Employment in Factories.
 (b) Excludes employees in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestics, members of Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp.

See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.			Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Fe-males.	Per-sons.		
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	Unad-justed.	Ad-justed. (b)
1952-53(c)	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54(c)	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55(c)	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56(c)	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57(c)	419.7	340.9	99.4	89.2	46.1	26.6	777.0	244.9	1,021.9	1,944	1,401
1956-57—											
October	419.2	340.0	100.9	88.4	46.1	26.0	774.9	245.7	1,020.6	1,941	1,404
November	420.3	341.2	101.1	88.5	46.0	26.1	777.6	245.6	1,023.2	1,946	1,405
December	418.2	339.3	96.9	88.7	45.9	26.6	772.9	242.7	1,015.6	1,932	1,392
January	419.5	338.8	94.5	91.4	46.0	27.5	774.0	243.7	1,017.7	1,936	1,393
February	422.4	343.9	98.3	90.8	46.5	27.0	780.1	248.8	1,028.9	1,957	1,405
March	423.7	346.0	99.0	90.3	46.8	26.8	781.4	251.2	1,032.6	1,964	1,407
April	421.5	342.5	97.8	89.2	46.3	26.7	777.7	246.3	1,024.0	1,948	1,393
May	422.3	341.3	99.5	88.5	46.3	26.8	780.2	244.5	1,024.7	1,949	1,391
June	422.1	340.3	101.1	88.3	45.8	26.4	780.6	243.4	1,024.0	1,948	1,387
1957-58—											
July	421.6	339.4	101.0	88.1	45.6	26.1	779.3	242.5	1,021.8	1,944	1,383
August	421.4	339.1	100.6	88.3	45.6	25.9	778.2	242.7	1,020.9	1,942	1,379
September	424.3	339.6	100.1	88.8	46.0	25.6	780.9	243.5	1,024.4	1,948	1,382
October	426.3	341.8	99.3	88.8	46.1	25.6	782.6	245.3	1,027.9	1,955	1,384
November	428.4	342.8	96.7	88.5	46.3	25.7	782.8	245.6	1,028.4	1,956	1,381
December	427.5	341.7	92.9	89.0	46.1	26.7	779.9	244.0	1,023.9	1,948	1,373

(a) New Series showing actual monthly employment in factories as recorded at successive Annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1957 with interim estimates for subsequent months. This series replaces the Payroll Tax series of employment in factories. Adoption of this new series entails adopting also new series for "Total Private Employment" and "Total Employment" for males, females and persons. (b) Divided by Index of Total Population. (c) Monthly average.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1952-53(c)	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c)	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c)	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56(c)	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1956-57(c)	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7
1956-57—									
October	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4
November	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4
December	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8
January	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	130.2	122.9	253.1
February	95.3	70.9	31.9	24.7	19.8	8.0	129.7	121.6	251.3
March	95.2	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.8	7.9	129.1	121.2	250.3
April	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	128.8	120.7	249.5
May	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	129.3	121.9	251.2
June	95.0	70.7	32.2	24.4	19.8	7.9	129.4	121.3	250.7
1957-58—									
July	95.4	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.6	121.3	250.9
August	95.8	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.5	121.0	250.5
September	96.5	71.0	32.3	24.4	19.6	7.7	130.0	122.1	252.1
October	98.3	71.5	32.5	24.4	19.6	7.6	130.8	123.9	254.7
November	103.0	73.8	33.4	25.2	20.1	7.8	134.0	129.9	263.9
December	104.2	75.5	33.1	25.1	20.6	8.1	136.2	131.2	267.4

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Subject to revision. Territory and Aust.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Monthly average.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 88.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	13,057
1950-51	..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	784
1951-52	..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	2,391
1952-53	..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	29,510
1953-54	..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	13,812
1954-55	..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	3,871
1955-56	..	1,344	447	1,544	77	473	58	..	3,948
1956-57	..	4,076	3,267	2,348	681	1,940	125	..	12,452
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955		719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1,948
March, 1956		1,667	359	2,991	62	441	43	..	5,566
June, "		2,093	793	2,068	154	972	46	1	6,142
September, "		3,056	2,765	914	598	2,099	98	..	9,545
December, "		3,466	3,171	1,062	768	1,783	95	..	10,361
March, 1957		4,331	3,074	4,085	598	1,984	88	..	14,177
June, "		5,450	4,057	3,333	759	1,895	222	..	15,727
September, "		7,496	5,640	2,448	1,297	2,580	615	..	20,098
December, "		7,170	4,675	4,334	1,366	2,016	629	1	20,219

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50	..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	7,552
1950-51	..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	7,125
1951-52	..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	6,486
1952-53	..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	7,054
1953-54	..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	7,967
1954-55	..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12
1955-56	..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	11
1956-57	..	2,973	1,610	1,130	594	458	225	3	13
Quarter ended—									
December, 1955		3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10
March, 1956		2,974	1,551	1,170	596	421	213	3	10
June, "		3,062	1,589	1,135	638	422	227	6	11
September, "		3,170	1,733	1,151	636	473	244	5	14
December, "		2,976	1,653	1,158	600	456	226	3	8
March, 1957		2,855	1,538	1,143	545	457	206	4	11
June, "		2,889	1,514	1,069	593	448	226	2	18
September, "		2,940	1,568	1,154	617	494	237	6	18
December, "		3,042	1,602	1,280	593	480	226	7	18

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants in reception and training centres) receiving special benefits at end of each week were:—1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; 1954-55, 1,966; 1955-56, 1,984; 1956-57, 2,015. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1957(b) ..	761	253,041	5,950	258,991	503,898	2,012	505,910	1,860,101
1956—Dec. Qtr.	221	36,255	169	36,424	51,374	5,057	56,431	189,125
1957—Mar. .., (b)	210	59,977	2,307	62,284	76,299	2,012	78,311	273,702
June ..	172	69,750	1,701	71,451	108,857	27,442	136,290	515,248
Sept. ..	208	70,556	95	70,651	93,581	73,424	167,005	607,823
Dec. ..	171	52,758	1,847	54,605	122,683	1,612	124,295	463,328
VICTORIA.								
Year—1957(b) ..	47	8,728	453	9,181	13,444	..	13,444	45,576
1956—Dec. Qtr.	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	..	7,454	21,424
1957—Mar. ..	18	5,077	..	5,077	1,716	..	1,716	6,165
June ..	9	1,423	159	1,582	2,540	..	2,540	7,848
Sept. ..	10	1,335	95	1,430	3,858	726	4,584	15,788
Dec. ..	15	893	199	1,092	4,604	..	4,604	15,775
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1957 ..	221	43,123	4,611	47,734	95,300	..	95,300	348,422
1956—Dec. Qtr	81	23,926	1,309	25,235	29,985	551	30,536	118,280
1957—Mar. ..	49	9,902	715	10,617	18,787	..	18,787	67,132
June ..	59	9,240	780	10,020	21,193	2,280	23,473	88,259
Sept. ..	72	13,336	3,111	16,497	18,315	..	18,315	65,514
Dec. ..	41	10,595	5	10,600	29,734	4,991	34,725	127,517
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1957 ..	13	6,274	7	6,281	3,703	..	3,703	12,571
1956—Dec. Qtr.	4	5,293	..	5,293	5,604	..	5,604	17,515
1957—Mar. ..	4	1,334	7	1,341	652	..	652	2,212
June ..	2	874	..	874	335	..	335	850
Sept. ..	4	2,052	..	2,052	653	..	653	2,287
Dec. ..	3	2,014	..	2,014	2,063	..	2,063	7,222
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1957 ..	14	5,352	..	5,352	1,508	1,560	3,068	10,801
1956—Dec. Qtr.	2	126	..	126	1,169	..	1,169	4,160
1957—Mar. .., (b)	2	263	..	263	130	1,560	1,690	6,045
June ..	9	4,318	..	4,318	1,155	..	1,155	3,975
Sept. ..	2	719	..	719	213	..	213	746
Dec. ..	1	52	..	52	10	..	10	35
TASMANIA.								
Year—1957 ..	36	7,236	..	7,236	5,330	..	5,330	18,294
1956—Dec. Qtr.	10	2,352	..	2,352	7,189	..	7,189	33,114
1957—Mar. ..	10	1,357	..	1,357	1,966	..	1,966	6,571
June ..	7	2,301	..	2,301	1,321	..	1,321	4,626
Sept. ..	9	1,806	..	1,806	937	..	937	3,232
Dec. ..	10	1,772	..	1,772	1,106	..	1,106	3,865
AUSTRALIA.(c)								
Year—1957(b) ..	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	626,641	3,572	630,213	2,308,622
1956—Dec. Qtr.	333	72,064	2,286	74,350	104,023	5,608	109,631	382,987
1957—Mar. .., (b)	289	78,078	3,029	81,107	99,651	3,572	103,223	362,181
June ..	263	88,414	2,667	91,081	137,272	29,722	166,994	627,926
Sept. ..	307	90,605	3,301	93,906	118,595	74,150	192,745	698,990
Dec. ..	244	68,898	2,051	70,949	160,648	6,603	167,251	619,525

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1956. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK): INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.^(a)

Period.	Manufacturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land, Sea and Air. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.	
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.				
NUMBER.								
1953 ..	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459	
1954 ..	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490	
1955 ..	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532	
1956 ..	164	81	665	5	361	30	1,306	
1957 ..	165	50	518	7	337	26	1,103	
1956—								
Dec. Qtr.	..	27	13	178	2	103	10	333
1957—								
March ..	43	17	146	2	75	6	289	
June ..	33	12	126	3	77	12	263	
Sept. ..	46	12	136	2	106	5	307	
Dec. ..	43	9	110	..	79	3	244	
WORKERS INVOLVED.								
1953 ..	155,219	8,417	147,791	8,020	179,786	1,783	496,046	
1954 ..	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074	
1955 ..	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647	
1956 ..	45,459	21,225	126,631	7,889	213,386	13,393	427,983	
1957 ..	40,684	32,562	110,446	3,741	145,498	4,112	837,043	
1956—								
Dec. Qtr.	..	4,635	10,962	24,369	1,209	30,035	8,140	74,350
1957—								
March ..	9,808	1,565	30,108	452	38,831	343	81,107	
June ..	8,805	1,913	33,677	2,374	42,143	2,169	91,081	
Sept. ..	10,920	28,117	29,212	915	28,951	791	98,906	
Dec. ..	11,151	967	17,449	..	40,573	809	70,949	
WORKING DAYS LOST.								
1953 ..	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830	
1954 ..	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639	
1955 ..	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884	
1956 ..	284,717	68,073	198,354	12,633	521,662	35,944	1,121,388	
1957 ..	205,381	45,907	206,977	5,209	162,643	4,096	630,213	
1956—								
Dec. Qtr.	..	16,075	9,973	39,696	5,143	24,495	14,249	109,631
1957—								
March ..	29,778	3,873	44,119	1,528	23,341	584	103,223	
June ..	53,071	4,171	68,141	2,551	35,690	2,470	166,994	
Sept. ..	85,584	36,297	47,452	915	21,973	574	192,745	
Dec. ..	36,098	1,566	47,265	215	81,639	468	167,251	
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)								
1953 ..	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437	
1954 ..	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211	
1955 ..	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321	
1956 ..	1,033,759	259,582	683,710	69,840	1,809,656	110,514	3,967,061	
1957 ..	740,512	162,153	761,109	30,356	599,889	14,603	2,308,622	
1956—								
Dec. Qtr.	..	53,284	41,717	135,077	28,450	82,691	41,788	382,987
1957—								
March ..	104,266	11,594	157,298	5,300	81,708	2,015	362,181	
June ..	191,282	14,859	251,367	18,256	142,889	9,293	827,926	
Sept. ..	300,685	130,546	171,167	5,800	89,337	1,455	698,990	
Dec. ..	144,279	5,154	181,277	1,000	285,975	1,840	619,525	

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	372
1956	237	162	135	140	157	101	23	33	375

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862
1956	736,152	441,286	314,782	147,728	110,447	52,708	2,352	5,953	1,811,408

(a) Without interstate duplication. The State figures do not add to the Australian total because a union represented in more than one State is included in the figure for each State in which it is represented, but is counted only once in the Australian total.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.
(£'000.)

1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,811	2,344	1,178	37,168
1953-54	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1956-57	..	20,167	14,111	6,218	4,387	2,979	1,596	49,458
1956-57—	December Qtr.	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,387
	March	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
	June	20,595	14,441	6,304	4,456	3,005	1,660	50,461
1957-58—	September	20,493	14,372	6,356	4,495	3,101	1,548	50,365
	December	21,896	15,343	6,675	4,672	3,176	1,644	53,406

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1952-53	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.60
1954-55	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1956-57	..	19.20	19.13	16.24	17.70	17.02	17.73	18.43
1956-57—	December Qtr.	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
	March	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67
	June	19.60	19.54	16.46	17.94	17.18	18.30	18.78
1957-58—	September	19.51	19.48	16.54	18.16	17.80	17.37	18.77
	December	20.74	20.67	17.64	18.87	18.12	18.39	19.86

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1957.(a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, etc...{	Weekly Wage	327/4	310/3	292/8	305/2	324/3	315/8	315/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	98.19	93.06	87.80	91.56	97.28	94.71	94.50
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. {	Weekly Wage	312/3	303/2	318/9	299/4	325/0	317/9	309/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.79	90.95	95.62	89.79	97.50	95.33	92.85
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..{	Weekly Wage	317/6	319/5	288/2	313/11	316/0	325/9	312/3
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	95.24	96.00	86.46	94.19	94.79	97.73	93.73
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc. {	Weekly Wage	305/9	308/3	316/0	320/11	303/7	308/11	
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	91.73	92.47	94.80	94.80	96.27	91.08	92.67
V. Books, Printing, etc. ...{	Weekly Wage	359/10	351/2	339/10	338/9	370/11	355/10	353/4
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	107.96	106.66	101.95	101.62	118.11	106.75	106.73
VI. Other Manufacturing ..{	Weekly Wage	318.5	306.5	291.5	306.0	314.6	320.1	310.6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	95.53	91.93	87.42	91.81	94.35	96.03	93.16
VII. Building{	Weekly Wage	356/6	344/6	325/5	324/3	345/11	331/0	344/7
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	107.10	103.34	97.62	97.22	103.77	99.30	103.43
VIII. Mining(c){	Weekly Wage	321/4	315/11	307/9	298/1	336/2	311/5	319/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	96.39	94.77	92.33	89.43	105.75	93.43	96.54
IX. Rail and Tram Services {	Weekly Wage	333/3	322/5	309/3	304/6	323/1	335/10	323/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	99.97	96.73	92.78	91.34	96.93	100.74	96.95
X. Air and other Land Transport {	Weekly Wage	315/11	294/3	282/0	288/4	314/1	303/6	302/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	94.77	88.28	84.59	86.50	94.22	91.05	90.69
XI. Shipping, etc.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	334/4	336/3	333/5	334/1	334/10	335/8	334/7
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.(e)	Weekly Wage	380/8	334/6	326/5	336/8	348/10	361/8	354/8
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. {	Weekly Wage	302/3	296/2	266/9	275/11	293/7	288/6	292/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	90.68	88.86	80.02	82.77	88.07	86.56	87.83
XIV. Miscellaneous .. {	Weekly Wage	312/9	304/4	281/0	285/8	306/0	300/1	302/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	93.82	91.30	84.31	85.70	91.79	90.04	90.83
All Groups(b)	Weekly Wage	333/2	318/2	304/0	309/2	326/6	326/11	322/2
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	321/0	312/3	296/0	299/3	321/5	311/11	313/1
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	96.33	93.72	88.79	89.77	97.62	93.59	94.03

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION.(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	238 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
May, 1957(d)	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0

(a) Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration prior to 30th June, 1956. Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards. (c) On the 25th May, 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced its decision to increase the basic wage for an adult male by 10s. per week payable from the first pay period in June, 1956. (d) Following the 1957 Basic Wage Inquiry the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, on the 29th April, 1957, announced an increase of 10s. per week for adult males payable from the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after the 15th May.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of the corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	August, 1957.			November, 1957.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a).	Males.	Females.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1957	270 0	202 6	Nov., 1957	270 0	202 6
Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1957	270 0	202 6	Nov., 1957	269 0	202 0
Victoria(c) ..	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane ..	29.7.57	241 0	162 6	29.7.57	241 0	162 6
Southern Division (Western District) ..	29.7.57	248 4	166 2	29.7.57	248 4	166 2
Mackay Division ..	29.7.57	246 6	165 3	29.7.57	246 6	165 3
Northern Division (Eastern District) ..	29.7.57	251 0	167 6	29.7.57	251 0	167 6
Northern Division (Western District) ..	29.7.57	258 4	171 2	29.7.57	258 4	171 2
South Australia(e) ..	20.5.57	251 0	188 0	20.5.57	251 0	188 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area ..	19.7.57	272 9	177 3	28.10.57	272 9	177 3
South-West Land Division ..	19.7.57	269 11	175 5	28.10.57	271 5	176 5
Goldfield and other areas ..	19.7.57	267 10	174 1	28.10.57	266 7	173 3
Tasmania(g) ..	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustment operative in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (c) Rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. By amendment to the Labour and Industry Act automatic quarterly adjustment to the basic wage was discontinued after the August, 1956, adjustment. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (e) Automatic quarterly adjustments not operative. The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area (at present equal to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide) is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. (f) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces any variations in the basic wage after considering a statement, prepared by the Government Statistician, which shows the movement in the "C" Series retail price index number. (g) Rates quoted (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Automatic quarterly adjustments were suspended by the majority of Wages Boards following the adjustment payable in August, 1956.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1957. (a)

(Weekly rates expressed in shillings and pence; hourly rates in pence.)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	214/10	214/3	190/4	214/11	188/10	214/8	212/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	64.45	64.28	57.10	64.48	56.65	64.39	63.64
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	212/7	213/6	217/11	218/6	219/4	216/6	214/5
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	63.77	64.05	65.37	65.56	65.81	64.95	64.31
I., II., V., and VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	226/11	216/8	205/6	223/2	..	215/6	220/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	68.08	65.01	61.65	66.95	..	64.65	66.04
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	211/6	219/10	186/4	211/10	203/4	212/10	209/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	63.45	65.96	55.90	63.54	61.00	63.85	62.69
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, etc. ..	Weekly Wage	239/9	253/6	216/0	220/3	..	..	239/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	71.93	76.05	64.80	66.08	..	..	71.88
All Groups (b) ..	Weekly Wage	220/1	222/2	207/11	217/11	210/11	215/4	218/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	66.08	66.64	62.37	65.38	63.29	64.61	65.65

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE RATE INDEX NUMBERS. (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
.. 1939	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
.. 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
.. 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
.. 1955	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0
.. 1956(c)	331 3	312 9	301 3	297 11	318 1	319 9	317 7
.. 1957	333 2	318 2	304 0	309 2	326 6	326 11	322 2

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(Base: 518. 3d. (b) in 1911 = 1,000.)

31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
.. 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
.. 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
.. 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
.. 1955	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
.. 1956(c)	6,463	6,102	5,878	5,812	6,206	6,239	6,197
.. 1957	6,500	6,208	5,931	6,032	6,370	6,378	6,286

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

81st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
.. 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
.. 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	198 4	197 11
.. 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	198 7	197 11
.. 1955	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
.. 1956	216 10	216 2	201 3	207 5	201 8	207 10	213 2
.. 1957	220 1	222 2	207 11	217 11	210 11	215 4	218 10

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(Base—278. 2d. (b) in APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

81st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
.. 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
.. 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
.. 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
.. 1955	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
.. 1956	7,981	7,955	7,406	7,635	7,423	7,649	7,846
.. 1957	8,101	8,176	7,652	8,021	7,764	7,926	8,054

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Partly estimated.

Section XI.—Prices.
THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see *Labour Report* No. 43, 1954, pages 8-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	1956.	1957.			
	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.
	June,	June,	June,	June,	June,	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.

GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	100.0	101.5	104.0	106.7	111.4	110.8	111.8	111.8	112.6	111.9
Melbourne ..	100.0	103.8	104.7	109.9	114.2	113.8	114.5	115.2	115.6	114.3
Brisbane ..	100.0	102.2	103.4	104.7	108.4	107.2	108.6	110.1	110.0	112.5
Adelaide ..	100.0	102.5	106.3	108.7	111.1	109.7	110.7	112.7	113.3	110.7
Perth ..	100.0	106.3	109.4	111.0	115.8	114.3	115.8	118.0	116.6	113.5
Hobart ..	100.0	106.9	106.7	111.3	115.3	115.7	115.5	115.9	114.5	114.8
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	102.8	104.8	108.1	112.4	111.6	112.6	113.8	113.7	112.8

GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	100.0	102.4	103.6	109.0	114.4	114.2	112.1	112.4	112.8	110.9
Melbourne ..	100.0	104.6	104.3	112.9	118.6	120.2	115.4	116.5	115.9	114.6
Brisbane ..	100.0	104.1	104.2	108.1	112.1	111.6	109.9	111.1	110.5	112.1
Adelaide ..	100.0	103.5	106.2	111.1	114.9	115.7	110.9	113.4	113.1	110.4
Perth ..	100.0	106.3	109.5	111.3	116.8	115.4	116.7	118.8	117.5	114.0
Hobart ..	100.0	107.7	106.8	113.6	118.3	120.4	116.7	117.0	114.2	114.2
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	103.7	104.6	110.6	115.8	116.2	113.2	114.2	113.8	112.4

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.

Sydney ..	100.0	101.7	102.3	103.0	105.9	105.7	106.6	107.6	108.1	108.7
Melbourne ..	100.0	101.3	102.2	103.9	106.4	105.8	106.6	109.0	109.6	110.3
Brisbane ..	100.0	101.7	102.9	103.3	105.8	104.9	106.7	107.9	108.3	109.1
Adelaide ..	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.9	103.9	103.2	104.1	105.5	106.2	107.1
Perth ..	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	105.4	104.4	106.0	107.3	107.7	108.3
Hobart ..	100.0	102.6	103.1	104.6	107.8	106.8	108.6	109.6	109.9	110.4
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	101.6	102.4	103.3	105.8	105.3	106.3	107.9	108.4	109.1

GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).

Sydney ..	100.0	107.7	109.5	111.3	113.5	112.4	114.2	115.4	116.9	117.9
Melbourne ..	100.0	100.8	102.3	111.9	123.3	122.4	123.6	125.2	125.9	126.6
Brisbane ..	100.0	102.9	105.2	107.0	111.0	110.3	111.7	113.3	115.0	115.5
Adelaide ..	100.0	102.7	105.6	114.9	124.8	123.7	126.3	128.1	131.2	132.6
Perth ..	100.0	110.8	149.6	159.1	169.2	168.5	169.7	171.8	173.5	174.7
Hobart ..	100.0	108.8	109.4	126.1	151.9	150.9	153.9	155.0	156.8	158.9
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	105.0	109.6	115.5	122.5	121.5	123.1	124.6	126.1	127.0

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)

Sydney ..	100.0	100.5	100.9	103.6	121.5	121.4	122.5	124.1	124.6	124.8
Melbourne ..	100.0	100.9	101.3	109.6	116.4	116.4	116.7	116.9	117.4	117.7
Brisbane ..	100.0	103.0	104.5	110.1	117.9	118.0	118.6	119.0	119.4	119.6
Adelaide ..	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.7	107.9	107.9	108.3	108.5	110.5	111.1
Perth ..	100.0	100.8	101.9	106.4	118.7	114.5	114.8	115.3	115.6	115.7
Hobart ..	100.0	108.2	105.1	110.3	120.1	119.7	120.3	121.1	121.2	121.0
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	100.9	101.4	106.4	117.8	117.8	118.5	119.3	119.9	120.1

NOTE.—For footnotes see page 104.

Interim Retail Price Index Numbers—*continued*.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

City.	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	1956.	1957.			
	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.
	June,	June,	June,	June,	June,	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.

ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	100.0	101.9	103.2	105.3	113.0	112.6	113.7	114.5	115.2	115.2
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.1	102.9	108.4	113.5	113.1	113.7	114.8	115.3	115.2
Brisbane ..	100.0	102.3	103.7	105.9	110.3	109.5	110.9	112.0	112.3	113.6
Adelaide ..	100.0	101.6	103.6	108.3	109.5	108.7	109.7	111.0	112.2	111.8
Perth ..	100.0	103.9	109.5	112.6	117.9	117.2	118.4	119.9	119.8	118.9
Hobart ..	100.0	106.3	105.6	110.6	118.0	117.7	118.5	119.2	119.0	119.4
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	102.2	103.7	107.0	113.0	112.5	113.5	114.5	115.1	115.1

ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	100.0	102.2	103.1	106.1	114.1	113.8	113.7	114.7	115.0	114.8
Melbourne ..	100.0	102.4	102.7	109.5	115.1	115.5	114.1	115.3	115.5	115.3
Brisbane ..	100.0	103.0	104.0	107.1	111.7	111.2	111.4	112.4	112.5	113.4
Adelaide ..	100.0	102.0	103.6	107.2	110.9	110.9	109.7	111.3	112.2	111.7
Perth ..	100.0	103.9	109.6	112.7	118.3	117.6	118.7	120.2	120.1	119.1
Hobart ..	100.0	106.6	105.6	111.5	119.1	119.4	118.9	119.6	118.8	119.1
Six Capitals(a)	100.0	102.5	103.6	108.0	114.3	114.2	113.7	114.8	115.1	114.9

(a) Weighted Average. (b) *Rent*.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, etc. since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

City.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1956.		1957.			
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.
(Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.) (a)

Sydney ..	..	..	..	..	2,998	3,054	3,060	3,048	3,070	3,039	3,063	3,043
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	2,974	3,019	3,099	3,001	3,015	3,032	3,039	2,990
Brisbane ..	..	..	..	..	2,598	2,699	2,624	2,628	2,655	2,675	2,684	2,780
Adelaide ..	..	..	..	..	2,709	2,717	2,748	2,704	2,701	2,745	2,755	2,665
Perth ..	..	..	..	..	2,997	3,034	3,039	2,990	3,032	3,100	3,061	2,943
Hobart ..	..	..	..	..	3,025	3,035	3,038	3,035	3,055	3,056	3,013	3,016
Six Capitals(b)	..	..	..	..	2,923	2,973	2,966	2,954	2,973	2,977	2,987	2,955

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.
(Including Potatoes and Onions.) (a)

Sydney ..	904	2,711	2,721	2,871	3,160	3,045	3,351	3,173	3,075	3,059	3,047	2,997
Melbourne ..	884	2,684	2,687	2,854	3,180	3,039	3,337	3,233	3,043	3,075	3,042	2,995
Brisbane ..	838	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,719	2,648	2,853	2,711	2,631	2,641	2,631	2,689
Adelaide ..	861	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,871	2,710	3,026	2,910	2,696	2,757	2,740	2,647
Perth ..	899	2,608	2,802	2,868	3,004	3,046	3,063	3,017	3,050	3,111	3,078	2,946
Hobart ..	880	2,503	2,797	2,925	3,019	3,203	3,188	3,070	3,071	2,973	2,962	
Six Capitals(b)	886	2,641	2,671	2,811	3,084	2,971	3,244	3,111	2,982	2,997	2,975	2,928

GROUP II.—RENT(c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney ..	1,004	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,360	1,409	1,360	1,364	1,385	1,401	1,419	1,432
Melbourne ..	935	988	998	1,008	1,195	1,229	1,199	1,203	1,214	1,228	1,234	1,241
Brisbane ..	841	981	1,010	1,027	1,052	1,104	1,054	1,069	1,082	1,098	1,115	1,119
Adelaide ..	868	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,358	1,468	1,374	1,403	1,432	1,451	1,486	1,503
Perth ..	872	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,972	2,060	1,992	2,013	2,028	2,053	2,072	2,085
Hobart ..	913	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,692	1,816	1,715	1,751	1,789	1,801	1,824	1,848
Six Capitals(b)	942	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,325	1,380	1,330	1,339	1,357	1,373	1,389	1,400

GROUP III.—CLOTHING.

Sydney ..	833	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,292	3,387	3,295	3,328	3,359	3,384	3,393	3,411
Melbourne ..	820	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,267	3,378	3,261	3,300	3,336	3,377	3,388	3,412
Brisbane ..	823	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,152	3,252	3,155	3,192	3,225	3,245	3,259	3,280
Adelaide ..	857	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,224	3,288	3,216	3,226	3,240	3,278	3,292	3,321
Perth ..	823	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,241	3,322	3,243	3,265	3,299	3,318	3,327	3,344
Hobart ..	848	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,309	3,404	3,316	3,340	3,372	3,403	3,415	3,424
Six Capitals(b)	829	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,261	3,357	3,260	3,292	3,323	3,354	3,365	3,386

GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Sydney ..	936	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,206	2,420	2,267	2,348	2,369	2,424	2,439	2,447
Melbourne ..	982	2,090	2,090	2,120	2,300	2,382	2,336	2,352	2,360	2,376	2,391	2,400
Brisbane ..	947	1,928	1,987	2,022	2,166	2,266	2,190	2,215	2,242	2,262	2,276	2,284
Adelaide ..	1,023	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,216	2,304	2,227	2,249	2,259	2,275	2,333	2,348
Perth ..	949	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,190	2,304	2,181	2,272	2,279	2,300	2,314	2,322
Hobart ..	933	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,232	2,351	2,291	2,298	2,311	2,360	2,387	2,365
Six Capitals(b)	961	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,236	2,372	2,273	2,320	2,336	2,368	2,337	2,397

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter 1955.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See

note (b) on page 104.

"C" Series Retail Price Index Numbers—Capital Cities—continued.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

City.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1956.		1957.			
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.

ALL GROUPS.

(Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.)(a)

Sydney ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,525	2,618	2,559	2,578	2,602	2,611	2,628	2,630
Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,492	2,555	2,506	2,519	2,536	2,558	2,567	2,559
Brisbane ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,272	2,361	2,287	2,305	2,330	2,349	2,362	2,402
Adelaide ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,408	2,466	2,426	2,424	2,434	2,466	2,492	2,473
Perth ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,653	2,726	2,671	2,681	2,703	2,746	2,741	2,708
Hobart ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,622	2,699	2,645	2,659	2,685	2,704	2,699	2,707
Six Capitals(b)	..	..	..	..	..	2,489	2,567	2,511	2,526	2,547	2,565	2,578	2,576

ALL GROUPS.

(Including Potatoes and Onions.)

Sydney ..	..	913	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,614	2,665	2,624	2,604	2,618	2,622	2,613
Melbourne ..	..	896	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,562	2,628	2,603	2,546	2,573	2,568	2,560
Brisbane ..	..	852	2,185	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,343	2,370	2,335	2,321	2,337	2,343	2,371
Adelaide ..	..	888	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,463	2,526	2,497	2,432	2,470	2,485	2,465
Perth ..	..	882	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,729	2,680	2,690	2,714	2,750	2,746	2,707
Hobart ..	..	887	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,690	2,703	2,712	2,688	2,707	2,681	2,684
Six Capitals(b)	897	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,565	2,612	2,583	2,550	2,572	2,574	2,565	

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(b) Weighted average.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	Including Potatoes and Onions.					Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)				
	1956.		1957.			1956.		1957.		
	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	3,173	3,075	3,059	3,047	2,997	3,048	3,070	3,039	3,063	3,043
Newcastle	3,249	3,124	3,139	3,102	3,131	3,117	3,143	3,139	3,136	3,197
Broken Hill	3,387	3,227	3,266	3,205	3,222	3,180	3,238	3,268	3,248	3,248
Goulburn	3,309	3,183	3,198	3,155	3,216	3,115	3,154	3,162	3,166	3,239
Bathurst	3,295	3,178	3,153	3,106	3,115	3,127	3,153	3,114	3,117	3,156
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,185	3,084	3,071	3,056	3,015	3,058	3,081	3,053	3,074	3,061
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	3,233	3,043	3,075	3,042	2,995	3,001	3,015	3,032	3,039	2,990
Ballarat	3,263	3,100	3,112	3,070	3,036	3,068	3,092	3,098	3,087	3,072
Bendigo	3,256	3,083	3,116	3,089	3,080	3,059	3,072	3,088	3,097	3,103
Geelong	3,224	3,034	3,056	3,017	2,968	3,021	3,020	3,028	3,036	3,004
Warrnambool	3,387	3,200	3,207	3,156	3,131	3,167	3,187	3,188	3,171	3,160
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,235	3,047	3,077	3,044	2,999	3,006	3,021	3,036	3,043	2,998
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	2,711	2,681	2,641	2,631	2,689	2,628	2,655	2,675	2,684	2,780
Toowoomba	2,801	2,705	2,695	2,654	2,708	2,705	2,743	2,728	2,713	2,791
Rockhampton	2,708	2,644	2,661	2,638	2,675	2,620	2,649	2,683	2,691	2,764
Townsville	2,812	2,764	2,794	2,728	2,788	2,745	2,779	2,803	2,805	2,887
Bundaberg	2,748	2,652	2,697	2,665	2,731	2,637	2,669	2,710	2,711	2,816
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,725	2,646	2,658	2,641	2,697	2,640	2,669	2,688	2,695	2,788
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	2,910	2,696	2,757	2,740	2,647	2,704	2,701	2,745	2,755	2,665
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	2,965	2,762	2,811	2,786	2,708	2,776	2,769	2,806	2,808	2,724
Port Pirie	3,039	2,827	2,883	2,832	2,769	2,817	2,831	2,867	2,855	2,792
Mount Gambier	3,042	2,794	2,831	2,800	2,711	2,823	2,788	2,817	2,805	2,722
Peterborough	3,008	2,783	2,835	2,821	2,774	2,788	2,781	2,820	2,841	2,784
FIVE TOWNS(b)	2,919	2,705	2,765	2,746	2,655	2,713	2,710	2,752	2,762	2,673
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	3,017	3,050	3,111	3,078	2,946	2,990	3,032	3,100	3,061	2,943
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	3,240	3,251	3,256	3,188	3,160	3,214	3,227	3,233	3,198	3,165
Northam	3,150	3,145	3,172	3,164	3,087	3,125	3,129	3,160	3,149	3,087
Bunbury	3,136	3,134	3,137	3,155	3,142	3,102	3,113	3,118	3,135	3,142
Geraldton	3,209	3,201	3,238	3,264	3,211	3,178	3,187	3,227	3,250	3,215
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,043	3,071	3,126	3,093	2,974	3,016	3,053	3,113	3,078	2,972
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	3,188	3,070	3,071	2,973	2,962	3,035	3,055	3,056	3,013	3,016
Launceston	3,107	2,925	2,932	2,923	2,936	2,896	2,905	2,903	2,934	2,940
Burnie	3,199	3,062	3,022	2,952	2,957	2,989	3,017	2,986	2,960	2,975
Devonport	3,206	3,049	3,048	3,012	3,016	2,973	3,026	3,025	2,999	2,992
Queenstown	3,407	3,288	3,306	3,258	3,242	3,220	3,268	3,288	3,277	3,267
FIVE TOWNS(b)	3,172	3,032	3,034	2,969	2,967	2,994	3,013	3,013	2,995	2,999
THIRTY TOWNS(b)	3,115	2,985	3,001	2,977	2,936	2,958	2,977	2,982	2,991	2,967
SIX CAPITALS(b)	3,111	2,982	2,997	2,975	2,928	2,954	2,973	2,977	2,987	2,955
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (c)	3,431	3,295	3,176	3,145	3,161	3,251	3,280	3,147	3,145	3,176
Warwick (Q.) (c)	2,778	2,659	2,709	2,698	2,732	2,669	2,687	2,725	2,727	2,807
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	3,078	2,566	2,927	2,873	2,775	2,842	2,854	2,901	2,880	2,784
Whyalla (S.A.) (c)	3,036	2,873	2,944	2,912	2,850	2,876	2,873	2,923	2,919	2,840
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c)	3,452	3,320	3,318	3,227	3,256	3,272	3,302	3,287	3,250	3,276

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included

in weighted averages above.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Including Potatoes and Onions.			Excluding Price Movement of Potatoes and Onions.(a)		
						1956.	1957.	Dec. Qtr. 1957.	1956.	1957.	Dec. Qtr. 1957.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,584	2,614	2,613	2,525	2,618	2,630
Newcastle ..	877	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2,531	2,558	2,573	2,474	2,570	2,597
Broken Hill ..	940	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,576	2,617	2,634	2,516	2,625	2,643
Goulburn ..	893	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,587	2,615	2,634	2,520	2,613	2,642
Bathurst ..	860	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,560	2,579	2,577	2,498	2,579	2,593
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,579	2,610	2,610	2,521	2,614	2,628
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,567	2,582	2,560	2,492	2,555	2,559
Ballarat ..	850	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,529	2,525	2,524	2,462	2,527	2,537
Bendigo ..	854	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,540	2,551	2,560	2,473	2,550	2,568
Geelong ..	884	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,538	2,532	2,526	2,471	2,533	2,540
Warrnambool ..	892	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,592	2,586	2,585	2,526	2,587	2,595
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,564	2,559	2,557	2,490	2,554	2,558
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,316	2,343	2,371	2,272	2,361	2,402
Toowoomba ..	843	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,356	2,371	2,389	2,309	2,391	2,419
Rockhampton ..	853	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,346	2,374	2,389	2,303	2,391	2,422
Townsville ..	902	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,434	2,462	2,480	2,393	2,482	2,517
Bundaberg ..	831	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,293	2,331	2,356	2,248	2,347	2,387
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,328	2,355	2,380	2,284	2,373	2,412
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,466	2,463	2,465	2,408	2,466	2,473
Kadina, etc. ..	786	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,355	2,347	2,343	2,297	2,351	2,351
Port Pirie ..	868	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,408	2,414	2,415	2,348	2,418	2,425
Mount Gambier ..	849	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,428	2,415	2,421	2,364	2,415	2,427
Peterborough ..	868	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,428	2,412	2,419	2,366	2,413	2,423
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,460	2,457	2,458	2,401	2,459	2,466
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, etc. ..	882	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,655	2,729	2,707	2,653	2,726	2,708
Kalgoorlie, etc. ..	1,048	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,563	2,625	2,617	2,559	2,623	2,620
Northham ..	900	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,584	2,691	2,686	2,582	2,688	2,687
Bunbury ..	914	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,664	2,749	2,765	2,660	2,745	2,766
Geraldton ..	957	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,825	2,916	2,926	2,822	2,913	2,928
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,651	2,725	2,706	2,648	2,722	2,708
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,663	2,690	2,684	2,622	2,699	2,707
Launceston ..	872	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,400	2,650	2,652	2,662	2,596	2,652	2,666
Burnie ..	865	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,583	2,618	2,610	2,523	2,616	2,619
Devonport ..	848	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,547	2,630	2,637	2,490	2,625	2,631
Queenstown ..	875	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,514	2,544	2,544	2,455	2,544	2,553
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,646	2,668	2,668	2,598	2,672	2,682
THIRTY TOWNS(b)	894	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,542	2,561	2,562	2,484	2,563	2,574
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,547	2,565	2,565	2,489	2,567	2,576
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,312	2,326	2,351	2,264	2,339	2,377
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,413	2,419	2,403	2,333	2,417	2,407
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	(d)	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,472	2,515	2,512	2,418	2,514	2,510
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	966	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,660	2,679	2,680	2,598	2,680	2,689

(a) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.
 weighted averages above.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in

(d) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)^(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (b)	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups. (b)		
Year—							
1914(d) ..	641	649	754	749	687		
1919(d) ..	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022		
1925 ..	998	1,008	991	992	997		
1926 ..	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011		
1927 ..	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002		
1928 ..	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009		
1929 ..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033		
1930 ..	941	1,047	951	999	975		
1931 ..	826	901	853	973	873		
1932 ..	796	817	804	958	830		
1933 ..	751	804	787	950	804		
1934 ..	783	810	785	944	817		
1935 ..	806	839	783	946	832		
1936 ..	825	879	792	947	850		
1937 ..	851	912	811	960	873		
1938 ..	886	942	829	961	897		
1939 ..	927	965	841	962	920		
1940 ..	939	973	956	998	957		
1941 ..	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008		
1942 ..	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091		
1943 ..	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131		
1944 ..	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126		
1945 ..	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126		
1946 ..	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145		
1947 ..	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188		
1948 ..	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295		
1949 ..	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415		
1950 ..	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560		
1951 ..	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883		
1952 ..	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196		
1953 ..	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302		
1954 ..	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326		
1955 ..	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393		
		A B			A B		
1956 ..	2,923	3,084	3,261	2,236	2,489	2,547	
1957 ..	2,973	2,971	3,380	3,357	2,567	2,565	
Quarter—							
1956—March ..	2,851	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,437	2,465
June ..	2,922	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,480	2,528
September ..	2,966	3,244	1,330	3,260	2,273	2,511	2,612
December ..	2,954	3,111	1,339	3,292	2,320	2,526	2,583
1957—March ..	2,973	2,982	1,357	3,323	2,336	2,547	2,550
June ..	2,977	2,997	1,373	3,354	2,368	2,565	2,572
September ..	2,987	2,975	1,389	3,365	2,387	2,578	2,574
December ..	2,955	2,928	1,400	3,386	2,397	2,576	2,565

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, (as from September quarter, 1955), those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onion².

(c) See note (b) on page 104. (d) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

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Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.													
Groceries, etc.—																	
Bread(b)	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, plain	"	15.30	15.30	17.30	15.50	15.50	17.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	16.50	16.50	18.50	16.50	16.50	18.50	16.00
" self-raising	"	15.22	15.22	18.38	14.88	14.88	16.38	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.50	14.50	17.25	13.50	13.25	13.50	12.00
Tea	lb.	20.10	19.85	24.40	21.50	21.50	23.14	18.40	18.40	18.40	22.40	22.40	25.20	21.90	21.90	24.10	
Sugar	"	73.00	76.60	77.25	75.57	79.43	79.43	75.90	76.70	79.90	75.70	79.80	79.80	75.20	76.40	76.40	
Rice	"	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.96	10.96	10.96	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.75	10.70	10.70	
Taploca, seed	"	11.94	11.94	11.94	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.80	12.80	12.80	
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	19.13	17.38	17.38	17.70	18.80	16.80	19.23	17.47	17.47	21.83	20.33	20.33	19.83	19.17	19.17	
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	37.95	37.95	37.95	38.42	38.42	38.50	32.13	32.13	32.13	40.20	40.20	39.50	39.50	39.50	39.50	
Oats, flaked	lb.	20.70	20.70	20.70	22.86	22.86	22.86	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.60	23.60	22.80	22.50	22.50	22.50	
Raisins, seeded	"	10.31	11.31	11.31	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	11.24	11.24	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.13	12.33	12.33	
Currants	"	31.22	31.44	31.44	31.50	31.80	31.80	31.00	31.00	31.00	34.50	34.13	34.13	33.38	32.63	32.63	
Apricots, dried	"	26.50	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	27.00	25.33	25.33	25.33	26.42	26.92	26.92	26.00	25.75	25.75	
Peaches, canned	29 oz.	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	59.25	59.25	59.25	66.00	70.00	70.00	63.00	63.00	64.50	
Pears, canned	"	49.25	49.25	49.25	48.79	48.93	48.93	47.50	47.50	47.50	51.10	51.20	49.63	48.63	48.63	48.63	
Potatoes	7 lb.	48.05	48.05	48.05	48.00	48.00	48.00	47.30	47.30	47.30	49.90	49.90	50.00	49.38	48.88	48.88	
Onions, brown	"	33.68	35.50	28.86	40.46	34.50	32.50	31.80	46.30	42.20	31.50	37.30	42.00	27.88	41.13	31.63	
Soap	"	6.40	6.20	6.10	6.50	5.25	4.79	7.10	7.00	7.83	9.90	8.90	8.90	7.75	6.67	6.00	
Kerosene	quart	18.67	18.80	18.80	18.86	18.86	18.86	20.27	20.27	20.47	20.13	20.13	19.13	18.83	18.93	18.93	
Dairy Produce—		9.09	9.09	9.09	8.88	8.88	8.88	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.57	
Butter, factory	lb.	54.55	54.40	54.40	54.43	54.43	54.43	56.90	56.90	56.90	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.90	53.90	53.90	
Cheese, mild	"	41.36	41.36	41.36	38.75	38.75	38.75	43.67	43.67	43.67	39.88	39.88	39.88	38.75	38.75	38.75	
Eggs, new laid	doz.	60.00	60.00	72.00	60.00	60.00	72.00	54.90	55.30	56.00	60.00	60.00	72.00	60.00	60.00	72.00	
Bacon, rashers	lb.	81.63	81.63	81.63	85.13	85.13	85.13	82.00	82.00	81.00	81.33	81.33	81.33	79.25	79.25	79.25	
Milk, condensed	14 oz. tin	23.90	23.80	23.80	24.50	24.50	24.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.20	25.20	25.20	24.60	23.80	23.80	
" fresh, loose (b)	quart	"	"	"	"	"	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	"	"	"	
" " bottled(b)	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	"	"	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			
Beef, sirloin	lb.	45.89			49.14			44.14			48.20			45.00			
" rib (without bone)	"	36.33			38.57			32.57			37.20			37.25			
" steak, rump	"	61.37			62.81			57.72			63.60			58.50			
" chuck	"	30.23			32.81			34.04			34.80			30.75			
" sausages	"	23.13			25.14			22.38			23.00			24.00			
" (corned) silver-side	"	36.27			40.57			39.86			38.20			37.58			
" brisket	"	24.73			25.00			32.86			31.20			29.83			
Mutton, leg	"	23.87			30.19			29.29			30.00			29.33			
" forequarter	"	15.67			15.53			19.05			19.67			19.08			
" loin	"	24.07			28.62			34.57			30.67			32.00			
" chops, loin	"	24.47			28.48			36.29			30.67			32.00			
Pork, leg	"	26.03			29.86			35.43			30.67			32.00			
" loin	"	59.70			62.57			59.14			57.00			57.00			
" chops	"	59.13			60.34			59.14			55.50			57.50			
	"	59.47			60.91			59.14			57.00			58.00			

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	
Flour, plain	..	11.50	11.50	11.61	12.10	12.10	12.10	11.50	11.58	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.00	12.00	12.10	
," self-raising	..	20.05	20.05	20.40	21.00	21.00	21.50	20.75	21.42	20.50	20.50	21.00	21.60	21.60	22.10	
Tea ..	lb.	75.05	78.40	79.40	76.80	80.75	80.75	76.58	80.58	80.58	75.63	77.63	78.63	76.00	80.20	80.30
Sugar ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.13	10.13	10.76	10.76	10.76	10.76
Rice ..	..	11.85	11.85	11.85	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.00	12.00	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.60
Tapioca, seed ..	..	21.14	20.00	16.64	19.10	17.50	19.00	19.38	18.75	18.85	20.25	19.25	19.00	17.75	17.25	15.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	31.55	31.55	31.55	32.40	32.38	32.38	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.25	31.50	34.25	34.25	34.25
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.75	20.75	20.75	22.60	22.60	22.60	22.33	22.33	22.33	21.50	21.50	23.80	23.80	23.80	23.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.06	9.13	9.38	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.92	10.50	10.50	9.25	9.25	10.40	10.60	10.95	10.95
Raisins, seeded ..	..	30.63	31.13	31.13	31.30	31.38	31.38	31.38	32.38	32.38	30.63	30.75	30.75	32.30	32.30	31.50
Currants ..	..	26.17	26.17	26.17	26.33	26.33	26.33	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Apricots, dried ..	..	63.00	63.00	63.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	60.00	60.00	61.33	61.33	61.33	61.33
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	45.56	45.56	45.56	44.25	44.25	44.25	46.67	46.67	46.67	44.75	44.75	46.80	46.80	46.80	46.80
Pears, canned ..	..	40.60	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.90	41.00	43.58	43.42	43.08	39.63	39.63	42.90	42.90	42.90	42.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	33.45	36.42	32.88	19.95	22.63	27.13	27.67	33.25	32.68	20.13	25.13	23.38	22.20	24.40	23.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.25	9.00	9.00	6.10	6.00	6.00	8.75	8.70	8.30	6.50	6.50	6.80	5.88	5.25	5.25
Soap ..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.09	19.09	19.06	18.30	18.30	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.67
Kerosene ..	quart	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.65	9.65	9.65	9.90	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	10.19	10.19	10.19	10.19
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.65	54.65	54.65	55.50	55.50	55.50	53.50	53.50	53.50	54.00	54.00	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Cheese, mild ..	..	40.00	40.00	40.00	41.83	41.83	41.83	41.67	41.67	41.67	39.33	39.33	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	62.90	63.00	69.50	65.00	65.00	72.00	64.17	64.17	71.17	63.25	63.25	63.60	63.60	72.00	72.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	85.83	82.50	80.50	84.40	78.75	80.25	85.25	83.75	82.25	83.00	78.50	78.50	87.40	82.40	81.20
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	23.06	23.20	23.20	24.50	24.50	24.50	23.67	23.67	23.67	23.50	23.50	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.20
," fresh, loose(b) ..	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
," , bottled(b) ..	..	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	18.50	18.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	17.75
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	43.40			41.00			41.71			40.00			40.00		
," rib (without bone) ..	..	43.20			38.67			42.14			41.83			41.25		
," steak, rump ..	..	62.30			64.78			59.14			63.60			60.00		
," chuck ..	..	34.07			36.00			34.57			35.40			36.00		
," sausages ..	..	23.71			25.67			23.86			22.80			24.20		
," (corned) silver-side ..	..	41.33			41.67			41.43			43.20			41.40		
," brisket ..	..	20.77			33.17			32.81			33.40			31.00		
Mutton, leg ..	..	25.38			30.00			30.60			27.93			35.00		
," forequarter ..	..	16.44			16.00			18.20			15.60			24.00		
," loin ..	..	25.60			28.39			30.67			27.40			34.20		
," chops, loin ..	..	24.91			29.89			30.87			28.13			36.40		
," leg ..	..	29.09			30.78			30.80			28.13			37.50		
Pork, leg ..	..	58.00			60.00			57.33			57.93			59.00		
," loin ..	..	59.19			60.00			60.67			57.93			59.00		
," chops ..	..	59.74			60.83			60.83			58.53			62.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	14.50	14.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	16.00	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.00	16.00	17.50	15.00	15.00	16.50
Flour, plain	"	9.85	9.85	10.45	9.64	9.64	10.57	11.93	11.93	12.43	12.70	12.70	12.90	10.50	10.70	10.90
" self-raising	"	18.25	18.20	18.95	19.64	19.64	20.57	21.36	21.36	21.36	22.50	22.50	22.90	21.10	21.10	21.10
Tea	"	69.30	73.70	74.00	70.86	74.93	75.00	71.71	75.29	75.36	73.30	74.90	75.70	72.50	76.10	76.10
Sugar	"	9.97	9.95	9.95	10.37	10.37	10.38	10.24	10.24	10.28	11.50	11.50	11.50	9.95	9.95	9.95
Rice	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	13.14	13.00	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed	"	15.67	14.79	14.50	13.83	13.83	13.83	16.00	15.42	15.67	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.50	14.50	14.50
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	33.90	33.44	33.44	35.00	34.71	34.71	36.43	36.43	36.43	35.00	35.00	35.00	36.80	36.80	36.80
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	18.95	18.95	18.95	20.86	20.86	20.86	22.14	22.14	22.21	24.20	24.20	24.00	19.60	19.60	19.60
Oats, flaked	lb.	10.83	10.92	10.92	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.63	12.63	12.63
Raisins, seeded	"	28.65	28.65	28.65	28.71	28.71	28.71	28.58	28.67	29.00	29.33	29.50	29.50	30.10	30.20	30.20
Currants	"	24.30	24.21	24.26	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.26	26.26	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	25.50	25.50	26.00
Apricots, dried	"	59.20	60.00	60.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	57.67	57.67	57.67	54.50	54.50	54.50	58.83	58.83	58.83
Peaches, canned	29 oz.	46.10	46.10	46.05	47.14	47.14	47.14	49.07	48.50	48.50	46.60	48.40	48.40	47.60	47.60	47.60
Pears, canned	"	43.65	43.65	43.35	44.21	44.21	44.21	44.64	45.64	45.21	43.88	45.30	45.30	45.80	45.80	45.80
Potatoes	7½ lb.	35.35	29.45	24.85	25.29	21.79	21.07	32.21	27.86	26.07	23.40	28.80	30.80	37.80	32.00	25.70
Onions, brown	lb.	4.80	4.35	4.25	3.71	3.93	3.64	5.57	5.29	5.29	6.20	5.60	5.40	5.80	5.00	4.40
Soap	"	17.96	18.17	18.30	18.09	18.57	18.90	17.90	18.24	18.62	18.20	18.33	18.67	17.93	18.25	18.33
Kerosene	quart	8.53	8.52	8.50	9.54	9.54	9.54	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.49	9.43	9.43	10.45	10.45	10.45
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	54.10	54.00	54.00	53.50	53.50	53.50	53.71	53.71	53.71	54.80	54.80	54.80	53.90	53.90	53.90
Cheese, mild	"	34.89	34.89	34.89	35.17	35.17	35.17	38.92	38.92	38.92	39.00	39.00	40.40	36.75	36.75	36.75
Eggs, new laid	doz.	45.40	61.95	67.70	28.33	40.50	45.00	49.71	63.17	69.83	63.75	70.50	74.25	45.20	57.20	60.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	76.44	76.44	76.44	71.50	71.70	71.70	74.50	74.50	73.50	71.50	71.50	72.13	74.13	74.13	74.13
Milk, condensed	14 oz. tin	24.05	23.95	23.95	24.21	24.21	24.21	25.14	25.14	25.14	24.30	24.30	24.30	24.70	24.70	24.70
" fresh, loose(b)	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" " bottled(b)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	18.00	18.00	18.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	35.84			37.72			32.00			33.33			35.30		
" rib (without bone)	"	30.05			32.28			26.00			26.33			28.30		
" " steak, rump	"	45.17			46.12			40.00			40.33			45.32		
" " chuck	"	23.58			25.56			21.00			20.33			23.55		
" " sausages	"	21.00			22.00			22.00			22.13			22.00		
" (corned) silver-side	"	33.40			36.30			29.00			29.33			33.59		
Mutton, leg	"	22.52			26.02			20.86			20.33			22.59		
" " brisket	"	25.61			27.04			27.00			29.00			27.73		
" " forequarter	"	12.17			14.04			13.29			14.60			14.63		
" " loin	"	25.18			23.44			24.29			24.80			23.35		
" " chops, loin	"	25.45			27.04			26.00			28.00			26.73		
Pork, leg	"	25.45			27.04			25.00			28.00			26.89		
" " loin	"	54.03			47.76			44.52			53.27			46.80		
" " chops	"	52.93			48.24			44.52			50.33			45.00		
		52.93			48.24			44.52			50.33			47.40		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, etc.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b)	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, plain	"	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.07	11.07	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.50	10.63	10.63	11.63	11.75	11.75
" self-raising	"	16.45	16.50	16.50	17.57	17.86	17.93	17.64	17.71	17.71	17.00	17.00	17.20	18.25	18.38	18.38
Tea ..	lb.	73.90	78.25	78.25	74.93	78.64	79.29	75.14	79.43	79.43	75.40	80.00	80.00	75.25	79.75	79.75
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	9.98	10.46	10.46	10.46	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.60	18.60	18.60	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.17	12.17	12.17	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.89	12.89	12.89	12.50	12.50	12.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	32.50	32.50	32.50	34.00	34.14	34.14	34.29	34.29	34.29	33.70	34.60	34.60	34.25	34.25	34.25
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	21.36	21.36	21.36	21.64	21.64	21.64	22.40	22.40	22.50	22.13	22.13	22.13
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.28	10.28	10.28
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.45	31.45	31.45	32.36	32.29	32.29	32.00	32.29	32.29	32.40	32.80	32.90	32.38	32.38	32.38
Currants ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.29	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.13	28.13	28.13	27.75	27.75	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	61.50	61.50	61.50	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	62.00	62.00	62.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	47.56	48.56	47.56	48.79	48.50	48.50	48.21	49.57	49.57	48.50	48.50	48.50	49.00	49.00	49.00
Pears, canned ..	"	44.80	44.80	44.80	46.86	46.71	46.71	46.00	46.79	46.79	46.00	46.70	46.70	47.00	47.00	47.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	22.80	27.00	28.40	28.33	33.00	37.83	27.57	30.00	33.71	25.38	28.63	28.00	30.50	36.75	36.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.13	7.63	7.63	9.00	8.67	9.00	6.00	6.71	6.43	8.00	8.00	6.00	5.33	8.50	5.50
Soap ..	"	18.33	19.00	19.00	19.05	19.43	19.72	18.52	18.71	19.10	18.87	19.00	19.13	19.25	19.25	19.83
Kerosene ..	quart	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.97	9.00	9.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.13	9.13	9.13
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.50	54.45	54.45	55.43	55.43	55.43	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50	54.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	35.06	35.06	35.06	35.93	35.93	35.93	37.00	37.00	37.00	35.33	35.33	35.33	36.25	36.25	36.25
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	47.75	47.75	48.60	36.00	35.86	36.14	37.00	35.50	36.50	37.20	36.75	38.50	36.00	36.00	36.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	69.00	69.00	67.00	70.00	70.00	68.00	70.00	70.00	68.00	73.13	71.13	68.88	70.33	70.33	69.00
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	23.85	24.40	24.40	24.57	24.93	25.25	24.86	25.07	25.14	24.80	24.90	24.90	25.00	25.33	25.50
,, fresh, loose(b) ..	quart	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
,, bottled(b) ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	..	..	..	20.00	20.00	20.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	31.80			30.24			33.00			32.27			33.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	34.54			33.19			36.43			36.27			36.11		
" steak, rump ..	"	52.47			52.19			53.81			52.87			54.78		
" chuck ..	"	30.13			30.14			32.19			29.80			31.33		
" sausages ..	"	19.22			18.81			20.00			19.40			19.89		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	37.90			37.48			38.90			38.60			39.11		
" brisket ..	"	29.03			28.71			30.71			27.80			30.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	18.43			17.76			19.71			20.07			19.44		
" forequarter ..	"	9.94			8.95			10.57			10.63			9.94		
" loin ..	"	18.07			17.62			19.91			20.27			19.33		
" chops, loin ..	"	18.63			18.29			20.62			21.00			20.22		
" leg ..	"	18.70			18.38			20.67			21.33			21.33		
Pork, leg ..	"	46.43			43.24			46.72			46.11			46.55		
" loin ..	"	46.57			43.29			46.86			46.13			45.11		
" chops ..	"	46.57			43.71			46.86			46.47			46.67		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.50	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	(c)15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Flour, plain	"	13.80	13.70	13.80	15.67	15.67	15.67	14.00	14.00	14.25	13.70	13.70	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.80
self-raising		19.65	19.60	19.60	23.25	23.25	23.42	21.13	20.88	21.13	21.30	21.30	21.50	22.00	22.00	22.20
Tea ..	lb.	75.60	77.45	78.50	80.58	82.75	84.83	75.25	75.25	78.00	77.80	80.70	81.90	79.40	81.00	82.70
Sugar ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.36	11.29	11.29	10.54	10.54	10.54	10.68	10.68	10.68	10.73	10.73	10.73
Rice ..	"	11.95	11.85	11.85	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.25	11.50	11.50	12.70	12.70	12.70	13.25	13.25	13.25
Tapioca, seed ..	"	28.30	28.30	28.30	30.00	25.17	25.17	25.50	25.50	25.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.00	25.50	25.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	36.61	36.17	36.72	37.17	37.17	37.17	33.63	34.13	34.25	37.13	37.13	37.13	38.50	38.50	38.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.75	20.95	20.95	25.50	25.50	25.50	22.75	22.75	22.75	23.20	23.20	23.20	25.00	25.00	25.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.25	9.79	9.79	12.00	12.00	12.00	8.75	8.75	8.75	10.88	10.88	10.88	12.20	12.20	12.20
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.17	31.00	31.00	33.17	33.17	33.17	30.50	30.50	30.50	31.88	31.88	32.38	31.00	31.00	31.88
Currants ..	"	24.95	25.60	26.36	30.00	30.17	30.17	24.63	25.88	25.63	27.50	27.50	27.70	27.80	28.40	28.40
Apricots, dried ..	"	61.83	62.25	62.25	63.00	63.17	63.17	61.00	61.00	59.00	63.50	63.33	63.33	61.83	61.83	61.83
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	44.05	45.55	47.95	52.92	54.17	55.75	44.13	44.38	46.00	52.30	52.30	47.00	47.40	47.60	47.60
Pears, canned ..	"	44.10	43.50	44.50	50.67	50.83	51.50	43.38	43.50	45.38	48.40	48.40	48.40	47.00	47.00	47.20
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	42.88	35.00	35.00	37.25	36.58	36.58	45.50	39.25	39.25	43.00	34.60	34.60	45.20	37.20	37.20
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.21	9.07	7.64	8.17	8.17	8.17	10.25	8.75	7.50	9.60	9.70	9.10	9.90	8.90	8.70
Soap ..	"	19.60	19.63	19.63	21.33	21.33	21.33	20.33	20.33	20.33	20.18	20.27	20.27	20.80	20.80	20.80
Kerosene ..	quart	13.41	13.41	13.41	16.35	16.35	16.35	14.83	14.83	14.83	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.94	15.94	16.01
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.10	53.40	53.40	58.00	58.00	58.00	54.00	53.50	53.50	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	44.93	44.93	44.93	47.20	47.20	47.20	45.25	45.25	45.75	44.67	44.67	44.67	47.00	47.00	47.00
Eggs, grade 1 a (d)	doz.	55.70	55.70	59.20	51.00	50.50	54.50	55.50	56.25	60.00	57.40	57.40	60.40	59.00	59.00	62.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	75.75	71.50	71.50	79.67	73.50	73.50	79.33	74.88	74.88	77.50	76.00	75.25	78.00	74.80	74.80
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	21.90	22.06	21.55	24.67	24.67	24.67	22.38	22.38	22.38	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
" fresh, loose(b)	quart	"	"	"	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" " bottled(b)	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Meat—		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	41.93			36.33			42.67			44.80			46.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	41.57			39.43			43.33			44.40			44.89		
" steak, rump ..	"	58.77			54.00			59.67			60.00			56.56		
" chuck ..	"	36.20			35.14			38.22			39.87			42.00		
" sausages ..	"	23.29			26.57			27.00			27.80			24.67		
" (corned) silver-side ..	side	40.70			36.86			41.78			41.80			45.67		
" brisket ..	"	29.67			29.14			34.34			32.00			38.67		
" forequarter ..	"	27.10			31.22			29.11			34.00			30.45		
" loin ..	"	15.63			18.48			19.22			22.53			21.33		
" chops, loin ..	"	23.90			28.90			29.56			30.07			27.44		
" leg ..	"	24.13			29.05			29.67			31.80			27.44		
Pork, leg ..	"	24.27			29.05			30.34			31.80			29.11		
" loin ..	"	48.93			57.24			45.11			52.20			55.33		
" chops ..	"	48.70			57.24			44.11			52.33			55.33		
" chops ..	"	48.70			56.95			44.44			54.67			55.33		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives. (b) Delivered. (c) Not delivered. (d) Grading altered as from 30th September, 1957—prices published for this quarter should not be compared, without inquiry, with those published for earlier quarters.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1957.

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Groceries, etc.—																
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.50	15.50	16.00	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.00	16.50	16.00	(c)16.00	(c)16.00	(c)16.50
Flour, plain ..	"	11.95	11.95	11.95	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.20	12.30	12.30	12.30	13.00	13.00	13.00
Flour, self-raising ..	"	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.36	22.40	22.40	22.60	22.10	22.10	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Tea ..	lb.	79.25	83.10	83.25	79.50	83.50	83.50	79.50	83.50	83.50	79.60	83.60	83.60	80.00	84.00	84.00
Sugar ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.55	10.55	10.55	10.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	11.95	11.95	11.95	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tapioca, seed ..	"	23.25	23.25	22.25	25.10	25.10	22.30	24.50	24.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.00	27.75	27.75	24.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	36.40	36.30	36.25	36.50	36.50	36.50	37.30	37.30	37.30	36.60	36.60	36.60	37.50	37.50	37.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	22.85	22.85	22.85	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.10	23.10	23.30	24.00	24.00	24.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.75	11.00	11.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.15	31.95	31.95	32.71	33.29	33.29	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.10	33.10	33.10	34.13	34.13	34.13
Currants ..	"	27.60	27.60	27.60	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	30.50	30.50	30.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	64.33	64.33	64.33	66.00	66.00	66.00	68.67	68.67	68.67	69.00	69.00	69.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
Peaches, canned ..	29 oz.	52.10	52.10	52.10	52.14	52.07	52.07	53.20	53.20	53.20	50.50	50.50	50.50	54.13	54.13	54.13
Pears, canned ..	"	51.05	51.05	51.05	50.57	50.57	51.21	51.10	51.10	51.10	48.80	48.80	48.80	53.75	53.75	53.75
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	30.33	30.33	33.32	25.86	32.00	38.00	25.76	22.96	32.20	29.17	49.00	40.25	28.38	24.13	35.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	8.44	10.60	9.60	10.00	11.00	10.60	10.60	10.75	10.75	10.25	11.50	11.00	11.00
Soap ..	"	18.93	18.93	18.93	18.81	18.90	18.86	18.93	18.93	18.93	18.93	18.93	18.93	18.84	18.84	18.84
Kerosene ..	quart	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.52	14.52	14.52	13.77	13.77	13.77	11.26	11.26	11.26
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.25	53.25	53.45	53.43	53.43	53.43	56.50	56.50	56.50	52.90	54.10	54.10	55.50	55.50	55.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	40.11	40.11	40.11	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.08	39.08	39.08	40.55	40.55	40.55
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	54.33	54.33	66.11	51.43	53.14	66.14	54.60	54.60	66.60	54.25	54.17	66.33	56.13	56.38	68.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	76.63	76.63	76.63	76.71	76.71	76.71	81.60	81.60	81.60	77.60	76.40	76.40	78.67	78.67	78.67
Milk, condensed ..	14 oz. tin	24.35	24.35	24.35	24.36	24.36	24.36	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.20	24.20	24.20	25.00	25.00	25.00
" fresh, loose ^(b) ..	quart	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" " bottled ^(b) ..	"	20.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	28.00	28.00	28.00
		Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.			Quarterly Average.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	40.93			38.48			38.25			39.00			43.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	39.50			36.62			36.00			37.80			43.67		
" steak, rump ..	"	58.40			56.05			54.00			52.80			58.00		
" chuck ..	"	32.40			31.57			32.25			34.20			40.00		
" sausages ..	"	24.43			23.00			24.00			25.40			24.00		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	41.20			39.14			40.00			39.60			43.67		
" brisket ..	"	28.27			26.62			26.25			30.60			35.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	29.67			29.33			27.00			30.00			31.50		
" forequarter ..	"	15.59			16.07			15.00			15.00			24.00		
" loin ..	"	21.96			21.00			25.50			18.00			27.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	22.46			25.47			27.00			30.00			27.00		
" leg ..	"	27.50			28.73			27.00			30.00			28.50		
Fork, leg ..	"	57.40			51.00			45.50			46.80			59.00		
" loin ..	"	57.07			51.00			46.50			48.00			59.00		
" chops ..	"	57.07			51.72			46.50			48.20			59.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

(c) Not delivered.

PRICES.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (a)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex-tiles.	Chem-i-cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build-ing Ma-terials.	Total.		Goods principally Im-ported. (b)	Goods principally Home Pro-duced. (a)	Total All Groups. (a)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	130	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	180	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950-51 ..	256	106	641	242	202	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	208	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	468	367	324	311	357	344
1955-56—											
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	320	407	343	320	288	343	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	328	299	358	341
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
November ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
December ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	323	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	524	353	283	467	364	333	305	365	347
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	339	306	368	350
September ..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	334	303	365	346
October ..	398	240	454	353	295	457	358	322	304	353	338
November ..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December ..	399	236	419	346	298	457	355	319	304	348	335

(a) Reconstructed to exclude potatoes and onions as from base period. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1956-57 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agric. culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	..	114	115	93	109	126
1937-38	..	98	98	102	99	100
1938-39	..	88	87	105	92	79
1945-46	..	174	133	159	157	118
1946-47	..	194	182	157	185	187
1947-48	..	267	263	188	247	301
1948-49	..	234	313	197	260	366
1949-50	..	272	396	228	316	483
1950-51	..	291	818	258	505	1,098
1951-52	..	355	501	332	410	552
1952-53	..	364	531	387	440	623
1953-54	..	324	534	395	429	621
1954-55	..	318	489	371	401	540
1955-56	..	330	451	392	397	468
1956-57(a)	..	333	532	389	431	697

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals (a)	Meats (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits (c)	Tallow.	Hides, (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups..
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	f 45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	100.00	..	100.00
g 49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	1.22	12.84	..	100.00	..
h 31.38	20.89	12.55	12.20	4.42	3.32	1.18							
1936-37	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	383
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955-56	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	342	397
1956-57	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	331	444
1955-56—													
January	460	313	361	590	348	439	285	356	239	178	416	349	400
February	460	311	328	592	331	438	288	364	240	178	411	340	395
March	453	312	304	592	322	442	292	364	247	178	404	335	388
April	468	310	273	579	317	443	293	354	248	178	406	325	390
May	498	316	265	556	324	432	302	344	241	178	420	323	403
June	(i) 505	317	299	548	335	439	317	347	252	178	428	331	411
1956-57—													
July	490	323	272	549	343	446	320	355	250	178	420	330	403
August	520	326	261	558	347	443	322	352	244	178	434	330	417
September	566	326	284	562	353	439	323	360	243	178	460	336	441
October	551	330	260	559	361	436	323	354	245	178	451	332	432
November	581	323	252	569	357	439	316	352	247	178	465	331	445
December	588	329	242	566	360	435	315	361	237	178	467	329	447
January	596	332	227	570	385	439	311	359	226	178	472	330	451
February	611	335	222	557	388	473 (i) 309	360	234	178	479	330	458	
March	596	327	218	555	372	568	309	359	248	178	471	329	451
April	618	321	224	548	382	620 (i) 321	357	234	178	483	331	462	
May	626	319	256	495	398	631	327	359	238	178	488	333	467
June	596	322	284	451	373	642	329	362	239	178	473	332	452
1957-58—													
July	(i) 596	331	278	445	351	577	325	347	240	178	470	327	450
August	551	342	274	448	345	622	326	357	239	178	450	331	431
September	543	344	274	441	333	571	330	364	242	178	445	328	426
October	498	350	257	423	337	541	334	362	236	178	420	323	403
November	483	352	232	409	337	488	341	364	244	178	407	314	391
December	445	359	225	372 (j) 338	481	343	365	243	178	(j) 386 (j) 310 (j) 372			

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates, (b)(d)
	Food and Groceries. (b)	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (c)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index. (b)		
Year—							
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	(e) 1,000	(e) 1,000	(e) 1,000	1,000	1,000
1914 ..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921 ..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932 ..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,528	1,846	1,210
1946 ..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947 ..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948 ..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949 ..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950 ..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951 ..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952 ..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953 ..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954 ..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459
1955 ..	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454
	A	B			A	B	
1956 ..	5,227	5,514	2,166	4,930	3,403	4,130	4,226
1957 ..	5,315	5,311	2,256	5,075	3,611	4,259	4,257
						(f) 6,253	
							A B
							1,465 1,431
							1,468 1,469
Quarter—							
1952.							
March ..	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June ..	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September ..	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December ..	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
1953.							
March ..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June ..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September ..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December ..	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
1954.							
March ..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June ..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September ..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December ..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
1955.							
March ..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,487
June ..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,458
	A	B			A	B	
September ..	5,024	5,103	2,014	4,903	3,168	3,973	4,001
December ..	5,061	5,169	2,025	4,910	3,239	4,004	4,041
1956.							
March ..	5,098	5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,044	4,090
June ..	5,225	5,461	2,158	4,910	3,367	4,115	4,195
September ..	5,302	5,800	2,174	4,928	3,460	4,167	4,334
December ..	5,282	5,562	2,189	4,977	3,532	4,192	4,286
1957.							
March ..	5,315	5,331	2,218	5,024	3,556	4,226	4,231
June ..	5,322	5,359	2,245	5,070	3,605	4,256	4,268
September ..	5,340	5,319	2,271	5,087	3,634	4,278	4,271
December ..	5,284	5,234	2,288	5,119	3,649	4,275	4,256

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

(c) See note (b) on page 104. (d) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (e) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index. (f) Partly estimated.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—								
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1957.	
DEMOGRAPHY(a) —									
Population(b)	'000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,790	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,831
	'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,702
	'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,533
Net Oversea Migration	'000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	94.0
Marriages ..	'000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	72
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations	Rate(e)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.6
Births ..	'000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	212
	Rate(e)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.5
Deaths ..	'000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	86
	Rate(e)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
Infant Deaths ..	'000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.6
	Rate(e)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	30.7	25.2	21.7
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a) —									
Nominal Weekly Wage Index									
Numbers ..	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	6,048	
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)		1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	(h)1,464	
								(i)1,481	
PRODUCTION—									
Agricultural(j) —									
Wheat ..	Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	7.9
	Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	180	134
	Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	17.1
Oats ..	Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	2,556
	Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	35.4
	Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	13.8
Barley ..	Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	2,098
	Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	49.3
	Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	23.5
Maize ..	Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	182
	Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	5.5
	Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	30.3
Hay ..	Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	1,861
	Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	3,043
	Av. Yield tons	1.18	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.63
Potatoes ..	Yield '000 tons	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	101
	Av. Yield tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	519
	Area(k) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	370
Sugar-cane ..	Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	9,272
	Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	25.1
Vineyards ..	Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	132
	Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	30.8
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.		5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	19.4
Pastoral, Dairying, etc.—									
Livestock(l)	Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.7
	Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.8	13.6	14.9	17.3
	Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	150
	Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3
Wool(m) ..	mll. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,530
Butter ..	'000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	192
Cheese ..	" ..	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	44.8
Meat(n) ..									
Beef and Veal ..	" ..					339	350	534	582
Mutton and Lamb ..	" ..					218	307	372	357
Pork ..	" ..					11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0
Bacon and Ham ..	" ..					26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6
Total Meat ..	" ..					608	727	1,027	1,250

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Excludes potatoes and onions. (i) Includes potatoes and onions. (j) Season ending in year shown. (k) Cane cut for crushing. (l) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat, cured weight, bacon and ham.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1957.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	53.0
Gold(c) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,030
Lead(c) .. '000 tons			(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	299
Zinc(c) .. " "			(d)	(d)	66.1	232.6	189.2	278
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.3
Brown Coal .. " "				(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,431
Factories—								
Number of factories '000			{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	{ 312	379	337	725	978	
Salaries and wages paid £m.			{ 28	68	56	180	612	
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, etc. .. £m.			{ 1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	
Industrial metals, etc. ..			{ 12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	
Textiles, etc. ..			{ 7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	
Clothing	(d)	(d)	{ 11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	
Food, etc.			{ 4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	
Paper, etc.			{ 47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	
All groups	23.3	29.1	{ 31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	
Value of plant & machinery,,			{ 32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	
Value of land and buildings ..	(d)	(d)	{ 96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	557.5	1,954.8
Net Value of production(h)—								(g)
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	
Pastoral	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	
Dairying		6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8
Poultry		1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5
Bee-farming		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8
Total, Rural	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	
Trapping	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.9	6.7	
Forestry		4.4	2.8	{ 4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9
Fisheries				{ 1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7
Mines and Quarries(i) ..	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	
Total, Non-rural	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	
Total, Primary	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	
Factories	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	
Total, All Industries	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings '000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	{ 2.1	9.7	32.8	37.4
Permits, All Buildings(k) £m.					{ 1.5	9.6	80.4	126.1
					{ 4.6	13.5	116.4	209.3
OVERSEAS TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Exports	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	719
Principal Exports(l)								
Wool .. £m. f.o.b.	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,408
	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	484
Wheat .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	2,440
	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	60.1
Flour .. £m. f.o.b.	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	750
	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	21.7
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	171
Hides and Skins .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	25.8
Meats	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	24.2
Fruit(n)	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	50.9
Sugar		0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	25.4
Gold	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	14.2
Silver and Lead(o)	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	43.5
Ores and Concentrates		(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	21.1

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available.

(e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible.

(g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices. (o) Includes concentrates.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1957.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, etc.	£m.f.o.b.		(a)	(a)				
Apparel, etc.		3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	25.8
Oil, etc.		10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	91.3
Metals, etc.		1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	95.4
Rubber, etc.		7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	393.4	265.2
Paper, etc.		0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	34.0	16.7
		1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	42.1
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—								
Oversea Vessels, {	No.	(a)	(a)	(a)				
Entrances and Clearances	mill. tons	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136
		4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged mill. tons(c)								
Shipped								
Interstate Vessels, {	No.	(b)	(b)	(b)				
Entrances and Clearances	mill. tons							
Interstate Cargo Shipped mill. tons (c)								
Government Railways—								
Route-miles	'000	(d)	(d)	(d)				
Passenger-journeys mill.	84	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8
Goods and livestock carried								
'000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.3	47.5
Train-miles run	mill.	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams	mill.							
Omnibuses								
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars	'000							
Commercial vehicles								
Civil Aviation(e)—								
Plane-miles flown	mill.							
Passengers carried	'000							
Passenger-miles	mill.							
Freight car	'000 tons(f)							
ried	'000 ton-miles(f)							
Postal—								
Postal matter dealt with(g)								
mill. articles								
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	286	365	680	778	887	1,124	1,482	1,784
Telephones—								
Instruments	'000	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	25.4
Lines								
Calls-Trunk	mill.							
Local								
Broadcast Listeners' Licences								
'000	..	..	..	(h)	36	369	1,320	1,961
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—								
Revenue	£m.							
Expenditure								
Net loan fund expenditure(i),								
Taxation collections								
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue	£m.							
Expenditure								
Net loan expenditure(i)								
Taxation collections								
Public Debt(j)—								
Commonwealth	£m.							
State								
Total								
Overseas								
In Australia								

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measure.
 (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Regular internal services. (f) In terms of short
 tons (2,000 lb.). (g) Letters, postcards, letter-cards, newspapers, packets, parcels and registered
 articles. (h) Year 1923-24. (i) Loan expenditure on works, services, etc. (j) At 30th June.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 120.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1957.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	381
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(e)	125	94	119	182	261	324	817	939
Deposits(e)	98	93	150	289	319	481	1,353	1,626
Bank clearings(d)	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	14,505
Savings bank deposits(e)	(d)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892
Life Assurance(d)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies '000		414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,319
Sum assured £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	2,223
Industrial—								
Policies '000	(b)	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,702
Sum assured £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	315
Total—								
Policies '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	7,021
Sum assured £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,538
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- sions	£'000(g)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420
Child Endowment	£'000(g)	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8
Claims in force	£'000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	488	1,205
Total Commonwealth Social and Health Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	223.9
War Pensions	£'000(g)	..	..	225	274	220	525	613
Service Pensions	£'000(g)	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	45.2
State Social Services(i)—								
Education(d)—								
Government Schools—								
Schools '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	7.7
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	46.8
Students	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	1,374
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	15.2
Students	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	433
Universities(j)—								
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	10
Staff(k)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,702
Students '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	34.5
Public Hospitals—								
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)		
Staff	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(l)
Medical '000	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)
Nursing	(b)	(b)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	(l)
In-patients, cases treated (mn)	54	(n)	91	134	215	371	595	896
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police '000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	13.5
Prisons '000	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	73
Prisoners '000	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.8	6.1
PRICES(d)—								
" C " Series Retail Price Index..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	{ (o) 4,130 (p) 4,226

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (j) Excludes Australian National University. (k) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (l) Not yet available. (m) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (n) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia. (o) Excludes price movement of potatoes and onions. (p) Includes price movement of potatoes and onions.

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